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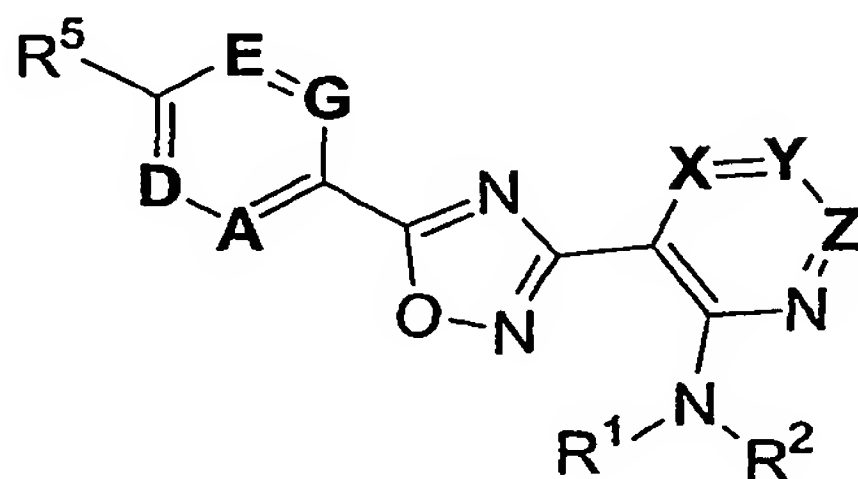
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(54) Title: 3-(2-AMINO-1-AZACYCLYL)-5-ARYL-1,2,4-OXADIAZOLES AS S1P RECEPTOR AGONISTS



(57) Abstract: The present invention encompasses compounds of Formula (I): as well as the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. The compounds are useful for treating immune mediated diseases and conditions, such as bone marrow, organ and tissue transplant rejection. Pharmaceutical compositions and methods of use are included.

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## TITLE OF THE INVENTION

3-(2-AMINO-1-AZACYCLYL)-5-ARYL-1,2,4-OXADIAZOLES AS S1P  
RECEPTOR AGONISTS

## 5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is related to compounds that are S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1  
receptor agonists and thus have immunosuppressive activities by modulating  
leukocyte trafficking, sequestering lymphocytes in secondary lymphoid tissues, and  
interfering with cell:cell interactions required for an efficient immune response. The  
10 invention is also directed to pharmaceutical compositions containing such compounds  
and methods of treatment or prevention.

Immunosuppressive agents have been shown to be useful in a wide  
variety of autoimmune and chronic inflammatory diseases, including systemic lupus  
erythematosus, chronic rheumatoid arthritis, type I diabetes mellitus, inflammatory  
15 bowel disease, biliary cirrhosis, uveitis, multiple sclerosis and other disorders such as  
Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, bullous pemphigoid, sarcoidosis, psoriasis,  
autoimmune myositis, Wegener's granulomatosis, ichthyosis, Graves ophthalmopathy,  
atopic dermatitis and asthma. They have also proved useful as part of  
chemotherapeutic regimens for the treatment of cancers, lymphomas and leukemias.

20 Although the underlying pathogenesis of each of these conditions may  
be quite different, they have in common the appearance of a variety of autoantibodies  
and/or self-reactive lymphocytes. Such self-reactivity may be due, in part, to a loss of  
the homeostatic controls under which the normal immune system operates. Similarly,  
following a bone-marrow or an organ transplantation, the host lymphocytes recognize  
25 the foreign tissue antigens and begin to produce both cellular and humoral responses  
including antibodies, cytokines and cytotoxic lymphocytes which lead to graft  
rejection.

One end result of an autoimmune or a rejection process is tissue  
destruction caused by inflammatory cells and the mediators they release. Anti-  
30 inflammatory agents such as NSAIDs act principally by blocking the effect or  
secretion of these mediators but do nothing to modify the immunologic basis of the  
disease. On the other hand, cytotoxic agents, such as cyclophosphamide, act in such a  
nonspecific fashion that both the normal and autoimmune responses are shut off.

Indeed, patients treated with such nonspecific immunosuppressive agents are as likely to succumb to infection as they are to their autoimmune disease.

Cyclosporin A is a drug used to prevent rejection of transplanted organs. FK-506 is another drug approved for the prevention of transplant organ rejection, and in particular, liver transplantation. Cyclosporin A and FK-506 act by inhibiting the body's immune system from mobilizing its vast arsenal of natural protecting agents to reject the transplant's foreign protein. Cyclosporin A was approved for the treatment of severe psoriasis and has been approved by European regulatory agencies for the treatment of atopic dermatitis.

Though they are effective in delaying or suppressing transplant rejection, Cyclosporin A and FK-506 are known to cause several undesirable side effects including nephrotoxicity, neurotoxicity, and gastrointestinal discomfort. Therefore, an immunosuppressant without these side effects still remains to be developed and would be highly desirable.

The immunosuppressive compound FTY720 is a lymphocyte sequestration agent currently in clinical trials. FTY720 is metabolized in mammals to a compound that is a potent agonist of sphingosine 1-phosphate receptors. Agonism of sphingosine 1-phosphate receptors modulates leukocyte trafficking, induces the sequestration of lymphocytes (T-cells and B-cells) in lymph nodes and Peyer's patches without lymphodepletion, and disrupts splenic architecture, thereby interfering with T cell dependent and independent antibody responses. Such immunosuppression is desirable to prevent rejection after organ transplantation and in the treatment of autoimmune disorders.

Sphingosine 1-phosphate is a bioactive sphingolipid metabolite that is secreted by hematopoietic cells and stored and released from activated platelets. Yatomi, Y., T. Ohmori, G. Rile, F. Kazama, H. Okamoto, T. Sano, K. Satoh, S. Kume, G. Tigyi, Y. Igarashi, and Y. Ozaki. 2000. *Blood*. 96:3431-8. It acts as an agonist on a family of G protein-coupled receptors to regulate cell proliferation, differentiation, survival, and motility. Fukushima, N., I. Ishii, J.J.A. Contos, J.A. Weiner, and J. Chun. 2001. Lysophospholipid receptors. *Annu. Rev. Pharmacol. Toxicol.* 41:507-34; Hla, T., M.-J. Lee, N. Ancellin, J.H. Paik, and M.J. Kluk. 2001. Lysophospholipids - Receptor revelations. *Science*. 294:1875-1878; Spiegel, S., and S. Milstien. 2000. Functions of a new family of sphingosine-1-phosphate receptors.

*Biochim. Biophys. Acta.* 1484:107-16; Pyne, S., and N. Pyne. 2000. Sphingosine 1-phosphate signalling via the endothelial differentiation gene family of G-protein coupled receptors. *Pharm. & Therapeutics.* 88:115-131. Five sphingosine 1-phosphate receptors have been identified (S1P<sub>1</sub>, S1P<sub>2</sub>, S1P<sub>3</sub>, S1P<sub>4</sub>, and S1P<sub>5</sub>, also  
5 known as endothelial differentiation genes Edg1, Edg5, Edg3, Edg6, Edg8), that have widespread cellular and tissue distribution and are well conserved in human and rodent species (see Table). Binding to S1P receptors elicits signal transduction through Gq-, Gi/o, G12-, G13-, and Rho-dependent pathways. Ligand-induced activation of S1P<sub>1</sub> and S1P<sub>3</sub> has been shown to promote angiogenesis, chemotaxis,  
10 and adherens junction assembly through Rac- and Rho-, see Lee, M.-J., S. Thangada, K.P. Claffey, N. Ancellin, C.H. Liu, M. Kluk, M. Volpi, R.I. Sha'afi, and T. Hla. 1999. *Cell.* 99:301-12, whereas agonism of S1P<sub>2</sub> promotes neurite retraction, see Van Brocklyn, J.R., Z. Tu, L.C. Edsall, R.R. Schmidt, and S. Spiegel. 1999. *J. Biol. Chem.* 274:4626-4632, and inhibits chemotaxis by blocking Rac activation, see  
15 Okamoto, H., N. Takuwa, T. Yokomizo, N. Sugimoto, S. Sakurada, H. Shigematsu, and Y. Takuwa. 2000. *Mol. Cell. Biol.* 20:9247-9261. S1P<sub>4</sub> is localized to hematopoietic cells and tissues, see Graeler, M.H., G. Bernhardt, and M. Lipp. 1999. *Curr. Top. Microbiol. Immunol.* 246:131-6, whereas S1P<sub>5</sub> is primarily a neuronal receptor with some expression in lymphoid tissue, see Im, D.S., C.E. Heise, N.  
20 Ancellin, B.F. O'Dowd, G.J. Shei, R.P. Heavens, M.R. Rigby, T. Hla, S. Mandala, G. McAllister, S.R. George, and K.R. Lynch. 2000. *J. Biol. Chem.* 275:14281-6.

Administration of sphingosine 1-phosphate to animals induces systemic sequestration of peripheral blood lymphocytes into secondary lymphoid organs, thus resulting in therapeutically useful immunosuppression, see Mandala, S.,  
25 R. Hajdu, J. Bergstrom, E. Quackenbush, J. Xie, J. Milligan, R. Thornton, G.-J. Shei, D. Card, C. Keohane, M. Rosenbach, J. Hale, C.L. Lynch, K. Rupprecht, W. Parsons, H. Rosen. 2002. *Science.* 296:346-349. However, sphingosine 1-phosphate also has cardiovascular and bronchoconstrictor effects that limit its utility as a therapeutic agent. Intravenous administration of sphingosine 1-phosphate decreases the heart rate,  
30 ventricular contraction and blood pressure in rats, see Sugiyama, A., N.N. Aye, Y. Yatomi, Y. Ozaki, and K. Hashimoto. 2000. *Jpn. J. Pharmacol.* 82:338-342. In human airway smooth muscle cells, sphingosine 1-phosphate modulates contraction,



cell growth and cytokine production that promote bronchoconstriction, airway inflammation and remodeling in asthma, *see* Ammit, A.J., A.T. Hastie, L. C. Edsall, R.K. Hoffman, Y. Amrani, V.P. Krymskaya, S.A. Kane, S.P. Peters, R.B. Penn, S. Spiegel, R.A. Panettieri, Jr. 2001, *FASEB J.* 15:1212-1214. The undesirable effects of sphingosine 1-phosphate are associated with its non-selective, potent agonist activity on all S1P receptors.

The present invention encompasses compounds which are agonists of the S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1 receptor having selectivity over the S1P<sub>3</sub>/Edg3 receptor. An S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1 receptor selective agonist has advantages over current therapies and extends the therapeutic window of lymphocyte sequestration agents, allowing better tolerability with higher dosing and thus improving efficacy as monotherapy.

While the main use for immunosuppressants is in treating bone marrow, organ and transplant rejection, other uses for such compounds include the treatment of arthritis, in particular, rheumatoid arthritis, insulin and non-insulin dependent diabetes, multiple sclerosis, psoriasis, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, lupus erythematosus and the like.

Thus, the present invention is focused on providing immunosuppressant compounds that are safer and more effective than prior compounds. These and other objects will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art from the description contained herein.

Summary of S1P receptors

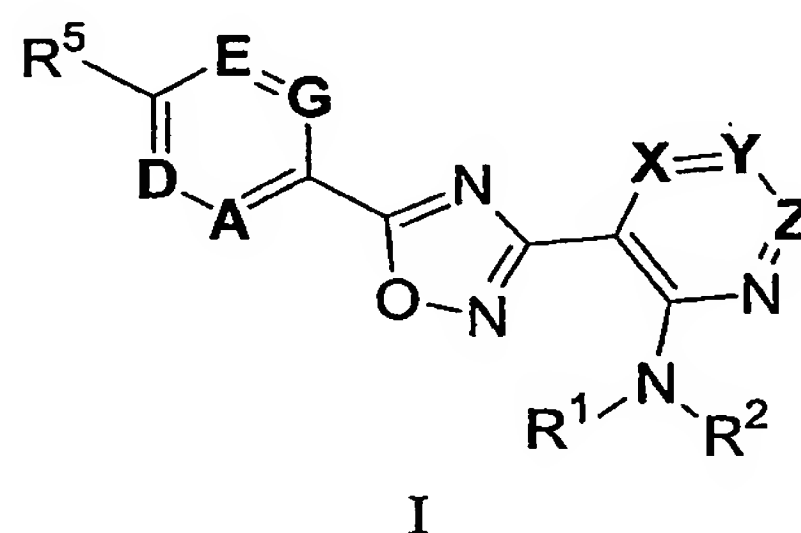
| Name             | Synonyms                | Coupled G proteins                        | mRNA expression                                  |
|------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| S1P <sub>1</sub> | Edg1, LPB1              | Gi/o                                      | Widely distributed, endothelial cells            |
| S1P <sub>2</sub> | Edg5, LPB2, AGR16, H218 | Gi/o, G <sub>q</sub> , G <sub>12/13</sub> | Widely distributed, vascular smooth muscle cells |
| S1P <sub>3</sub> | Edg3, LPB3              | Gi/o, G <sub>q</sub> , G <sub>12/13</sub> | Widely distributed, endothelial cells            |
| S1P <sub>4</sub> | Edg6, LPC1              | Gi/o                                      | Lymphoid tissues,                                |

|      |                  |      |                        |
|------|------------------|------|------------------------|
|      |                  |      | lymphocytic cell lines |
| S1P5 | Edg8, LPB4, NRG1 | Gi/o | Brain, spleen          |

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention encompasses compounds of Formula I:

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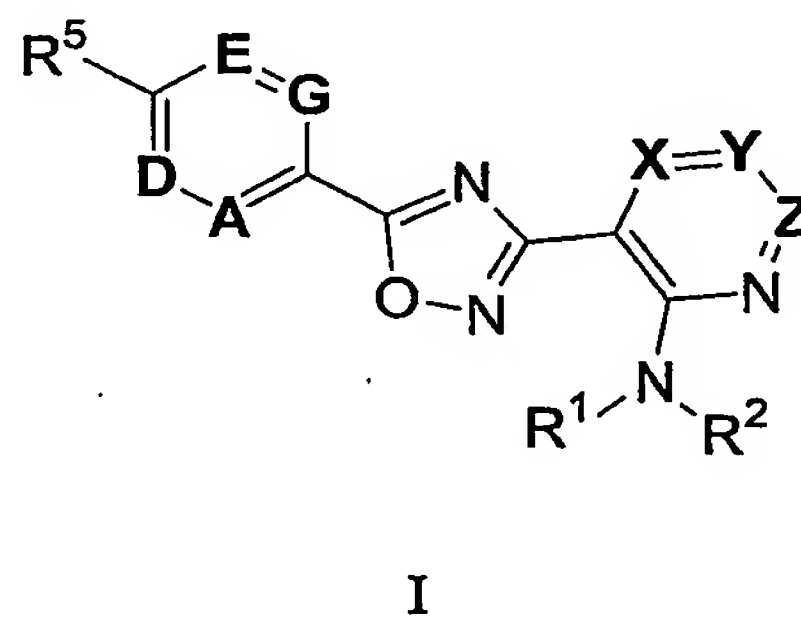
as well as the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. The compounds are useful for treating immune mediated diseases and conditions, such as bone marrow, organ and tissue transplant rejection. Pharmaceutical compositions and methods of use are included.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention encompasses compounds represented by

Formula I:



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

A is C-R<sup>3</sup> or N,

5 D is C-R<sup>4</sup> or N,

E is C-R<sup>6</sup> or N and

G is C-R<sup>7</sup> or N,

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with the proviso that at least one of A, D, E and G is not N;

X, Y and Z are independently selected from the group consisting of: N and C-R<sup>8</sup>, with the proviso that at least one of X, Y and Z is not N;

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R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of:

(1) hydrogen and

(2) C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halo groups,

or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> may be joined together with the nitrogen atom to which they are

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attached to form a 3- to 6-membered saturated monocyclic ring;

R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of:

(1) hydrogen,

(2) halo

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(3) cyano, and

(4) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, each optionally substituted with 1 to

3 halo groups;

R<sup>5</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:

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(1) C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,

(2) C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl,

(3) C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl,

(4) C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl,

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- (5) C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy,
  - (6) C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkoxy,
  - (7) C<sub>1-6</sub>acyl,
  - (8) halo,
  - (9) aryl and
  - (10) HET,

wherein groups (1) to (7) above are optionally substituted with from one up to the maximum number of substituable positions with halo, and

- 10 groups (9) and (10) above are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) halo, and
- (b) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, each optionally substituted with oxo,

hydroxy or 1 to 3 halo groups,

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or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may be joined together with the atoms to which they are attached to form a 5 or 6-membered monocyclic ring, optionally containing 1 to 3 heteratoms selected from O, S and NR<sup>8</sup>, said ring optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halo, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, said C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halo groups;

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each R<sup>8</sup> is independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, halo and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, wherein said C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halo groups; and

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- HET is selected from the group consisting of: benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzotriazolyl, benzothiophenyl, benzoxazolyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, cinnolinyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, indolazinyl, indazolyl, isobenzofuranyl, isoindolyl, isoquinolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, naphthyridinyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyridopyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, pyrrolyl, quinazolinyl, quinolyl, quinoxalinyl, thiadiazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, triazolyl, azetidiny, 1,4-dioxanyl, hexahydroazepinyl, piperazinyl,

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piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, dihydrobenzimidazolyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, dihydrobenzothiophenyl, dihydrobenzoxazolyl, dihydrofuranyl, dihydroimidazolyl, dihydroindolyl, dihydroisooxazolyl, dihydroisothiazolyl, dihydrooxadiazolyl, dihydrooxazolyl, dihydropyrazinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, dihydropyridinyl, dihydropyrimidinyl, dihydropyrrolyl, dihydroquinolinyl, dihydrotetrazolyl, dihydrothiadiazolyl, dihydrothiazolyl, dihydrothienyl, dihydrotriazolyl, dihydroazetidiny, methylenedioxybenzoyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, and tetrahydrothienyl.

10                   An embodiment of the invention encompasses a compound of Formula I wherein:

A is N,

15   D is C-R<sup>4</sup>,

E is C-R<sup>6</sup> and

G is C-R<sup>7</sup>.

20                   Another embodiment of the invention encompasses a compound of Formula I wherein:

A is C-R<sup>3</sup>,

25   D is C-R<sup>4</sup>,

E is C-R<sup>6</sup> and

30   G is C-R<sup>7</sup>.



Another embodiment of the invention encompasses a compound of Formula I wherein:

- 5       A is C-R<sup>3</sup>,  
      D is C-R<sup>4</sup>,  
      E is C-R<sup>6</sup> and  
10     G is C-R<sup>7</sup>; and  
      X, Y and Z are C-R<sup>8</sup>.

Another embodiment of the invention encompasses a compound of Formula I wherein:

- 15     A is C-R<sup>3</sup>,  
      D is C-R<sup>4</sup>,  
20     E is C-R<sup>6</sup> and  
      G is C-R<sup>7</sup>; and

- 25     R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are hydrogen. Within this embodiment is encompassed a compound of Formula I wherein R<sup>4</sup> is trifluoromethyl or cyano.

Another embodiment of the invention encompasses a compound of Formula I wherein:

- 30     A is C-R<sup>3</sup>,  
      D is C-R<sup>4</sup>,

E is C-R<sup>6</sup> and

G is C-R<sup>7</sup>; and

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R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl and ethyl.

Another embodiment of the invention encompasses a compound of  
10 Formula I wherein:

A is C-R<sup>3</sup>,

D is C-R<sup>4</sup>,

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E is C-R<sup>6</sup> and

G is C-R<sup>7</sup>; and

20 R<sup>5</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) C<sub>2</sub>-6alkyl,
- (2) C<sub>3</sub>-6cycloalkyl,
- (3) C<sub>2</sub>-6alkoxy,
- (4) C<sub>3</sub>-6cycloalkoxy, and
- 25 (5) C<sub>3</sub>-6acyl,

wherein groups (1) to (5) above are optionally substituted with 1 to 5 fluoro groups. Within this embodiment is encompassed a compound of Formula I wherein R<sup>5</sup> is C<sub>2</sub>-6alkoxy, optionally substituted with 1 to 5 fluoro groups.

30 Another embodiment of the invention encompasses a compound of Formula I wherein:

A is C-R<sup>3</sup>,

**D** is C-R<sup>4</sup>,

**E** is C-R<sup>6</sup> and

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**G** is C-R<sup>7</sup>; and

**R**<sup>5</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:

- 10 (1) phenyl, optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents  
independently selected from the group consisting of: halo, methyl, methoxy and  
hydroxymethyl,  
(2) oxadiazolyl,  
(3) oxazolyl,  
(4) furanyl and  
15 (5) thienyl.

Another embodiment of the invention encompasses a compound of  
Formula I wherein:

20 **A** is C-R<sup>3</sup>,

**D** is C-R<sup>4</sup>,

**E** is C-R<sup>6</sup> and

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**G** is C-R<sup>7</sup>; and

**X** is N and **Y** and **Z** are both C-R<sup>8</sup>.

30 Another embodiment of the invention encompasses a compound of  
Formula I wherein:

**A** is C-R<sup>3</sup>,

D is C-R<sup>4</sup>,

E is C-R<sup>6</sup> and

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G is C-R<sup>7</sup>; and

wherein X and Z are both C-R<sup>8</sup> and Y is N.

10                   Another embodiment of the invention encompasses a compound of  
Formula I wherein:

A is C-R<sup>3</sup>,

15   D is C-R<sup>4</sup>,

E is C-R<sup>6</sup> and

G is C-R<sup>7</sup>;

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R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen  
and methyl,

R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are hydrogen,

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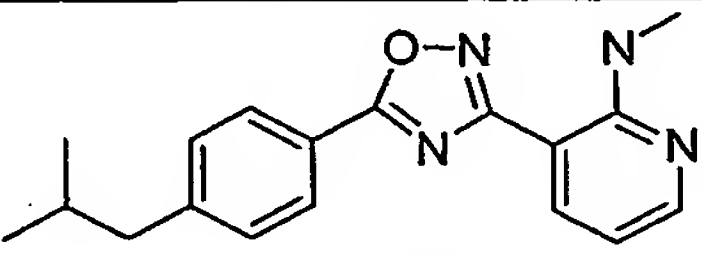
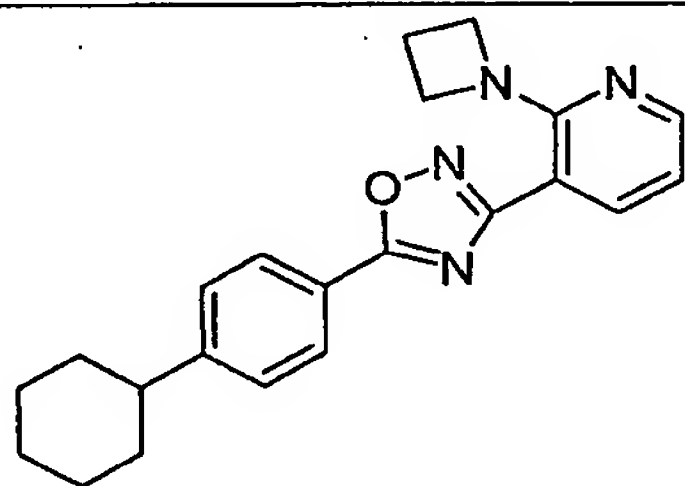
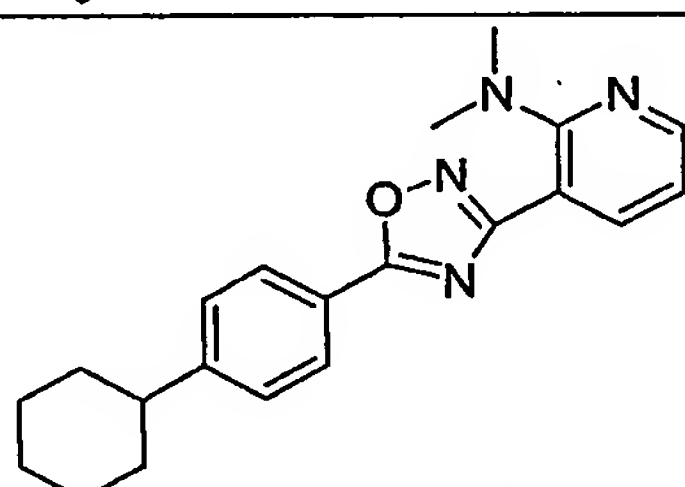
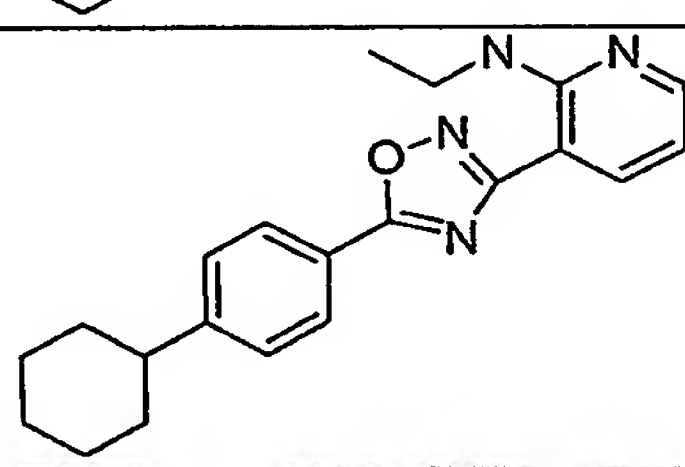
R<sup>4</sup> is trifluoromethyl or cyano, and

R<sup>5</sup> is C<sub>2-6</sub>alkoxy, optionally substituted with 1 to 5 fluoro groups. Within this  
embodiment is encompassed an invention wherein R<sup>5</sup> is selected from 2,2,2-  
30   trifluoroethoxy and 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-methylethoxy. Also within this embodiment is  
encompassed an invention wherein R<sup>5</sup> is selected from 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy and  
2,2,2-trifluoro-1-methylethoxy, X, Y and Z are C-R<sup>8</sup> and each R<sup>8</sup> is independently  
selected from hydrogen, methyl and halo. Also within this embodiment is

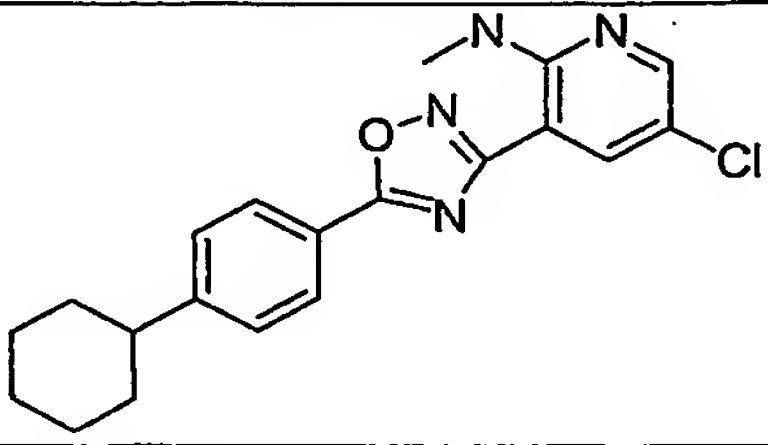
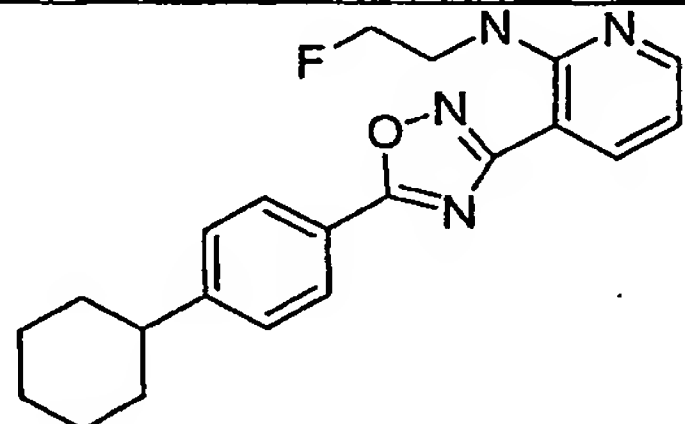
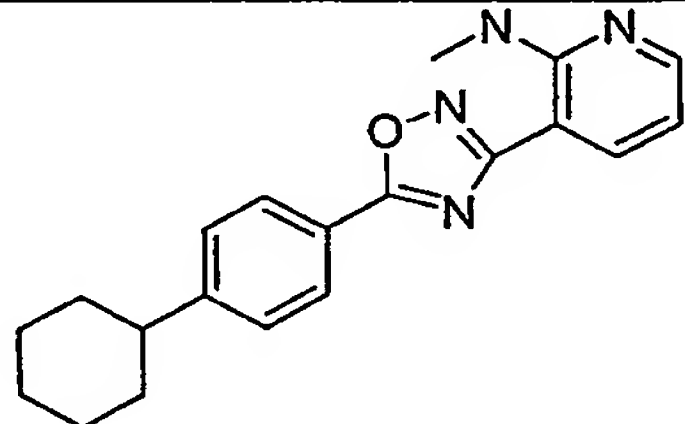
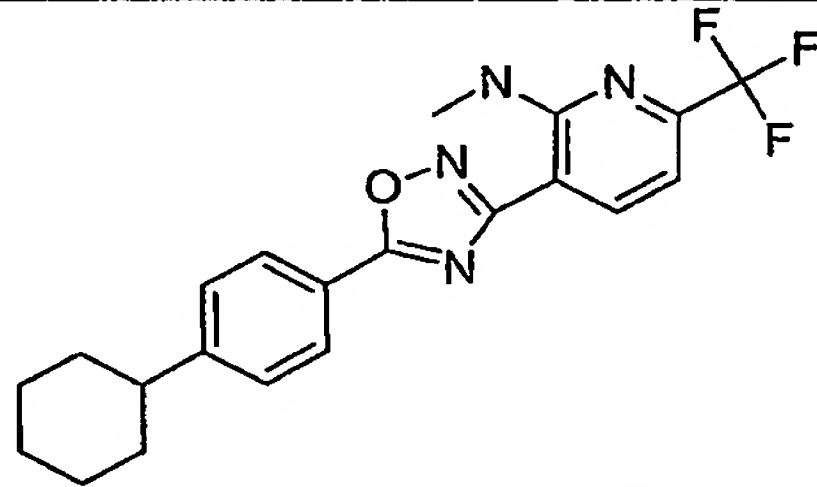
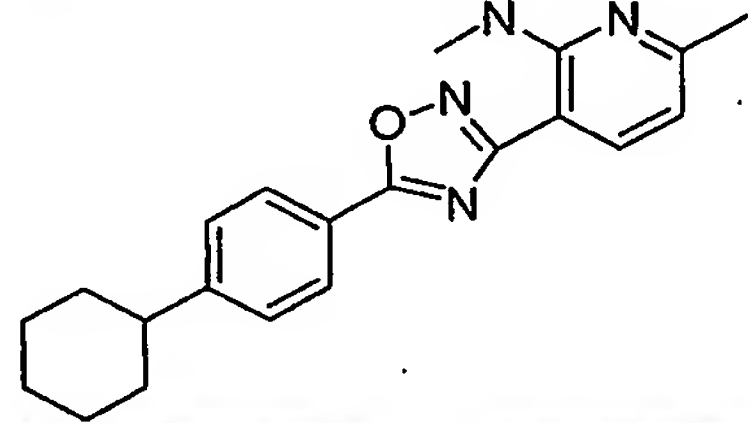
encompassed an invention wherein  $R^5$  is selected from 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy and 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-methylethoxy, X is N and Y and Z are both C- $R^8$  and each  $R^8$  is independently selected from hydrogen, methyl and halo. Also within this embodiment is encompassed an invention wherein  $R^5$  is selected from 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy and 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-methylethoxy, X and Z are both C- $R^8$  and Y is N and each  $R^8$  is

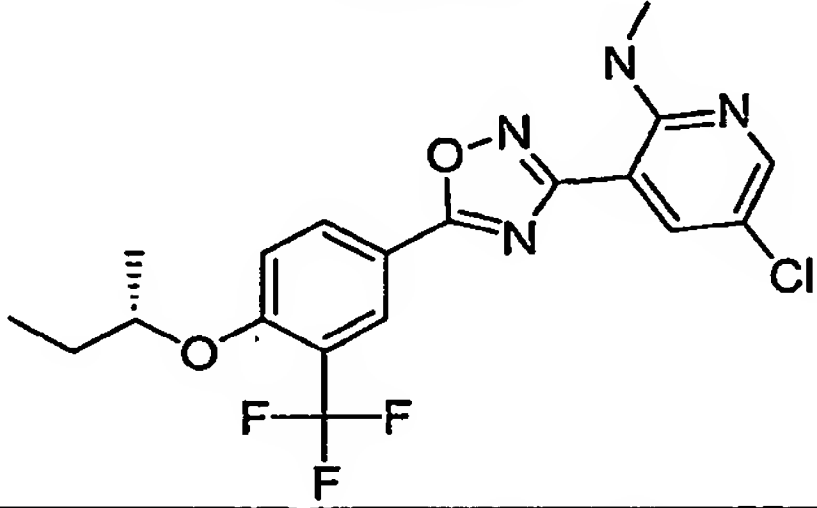
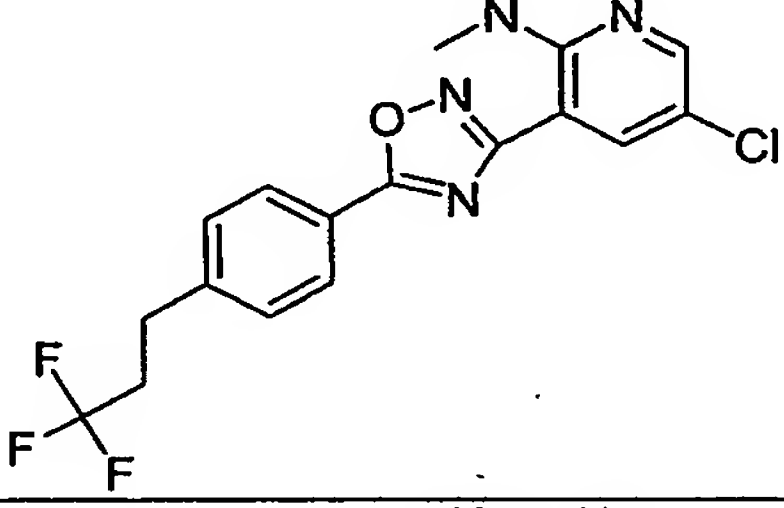
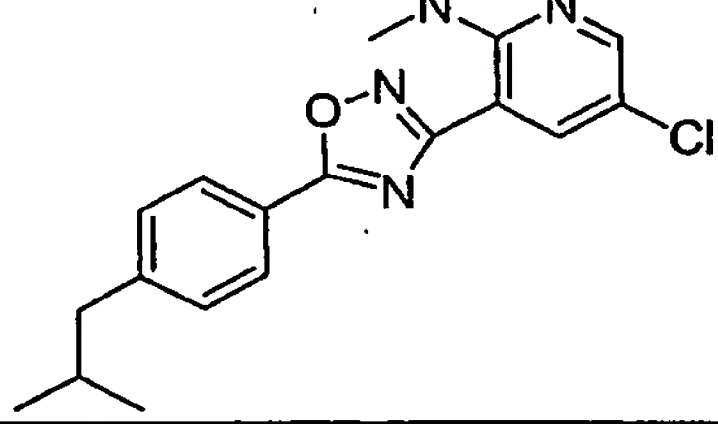
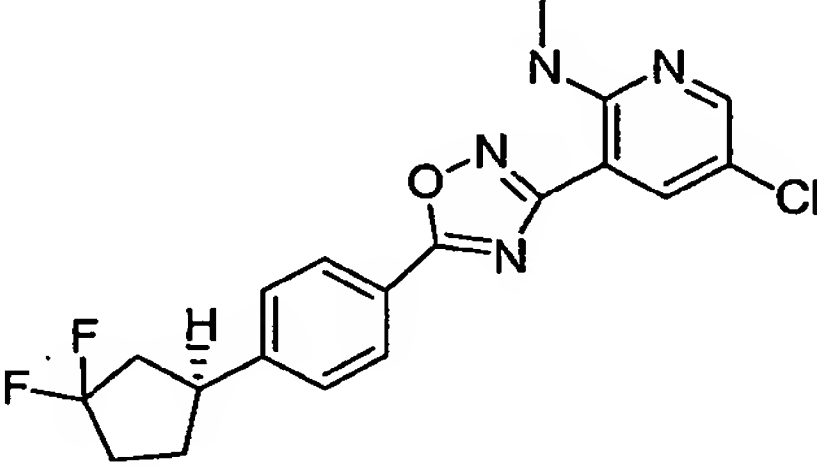
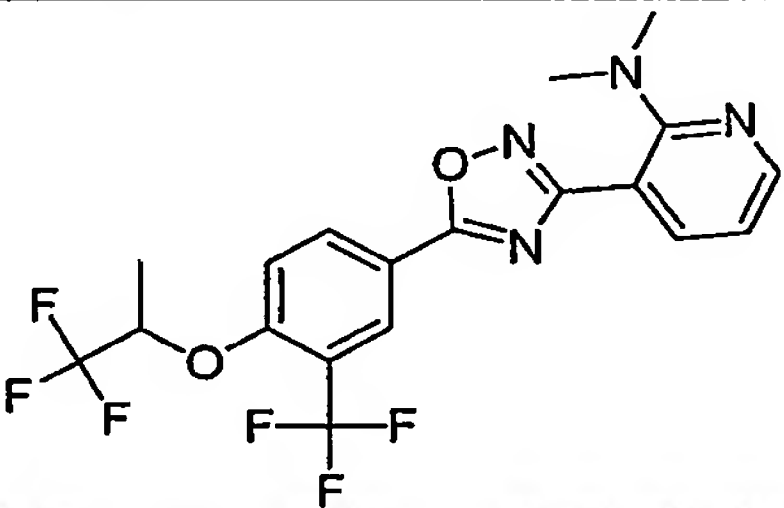
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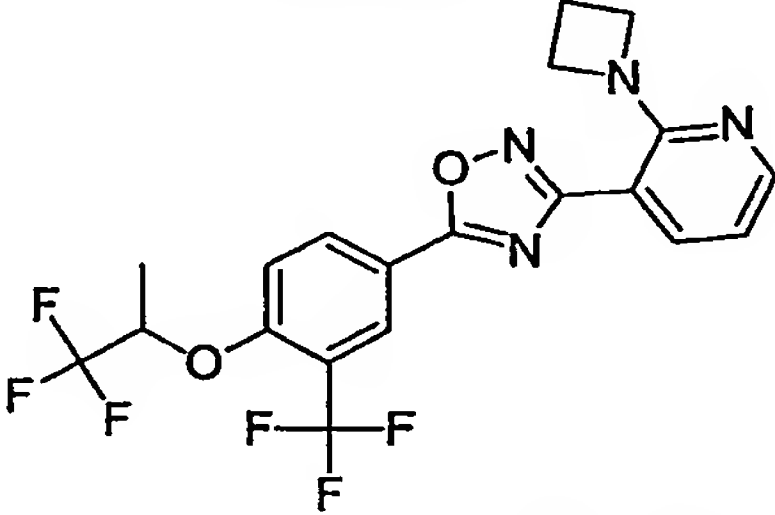
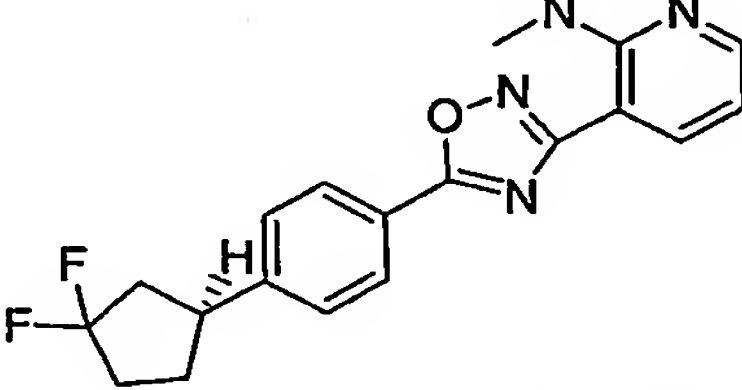
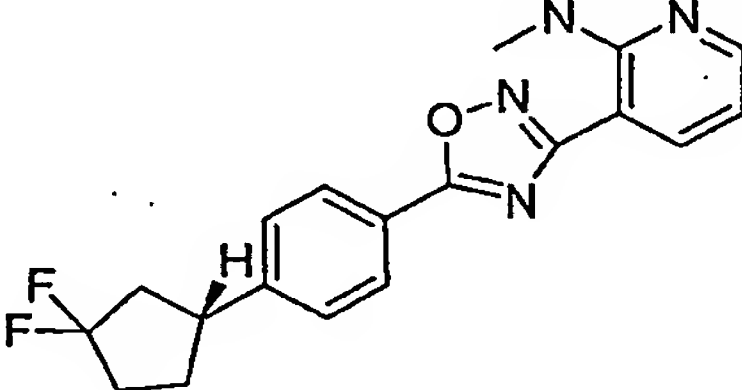
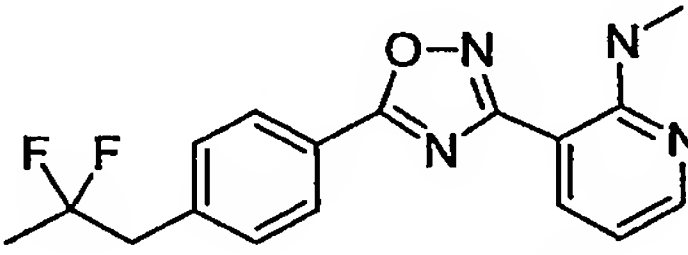
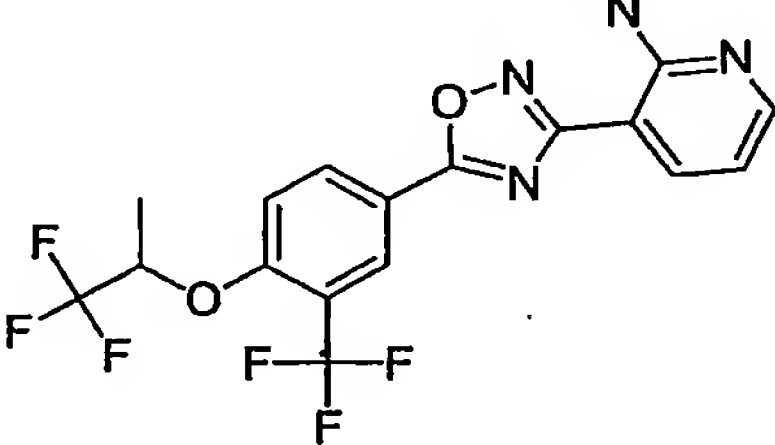
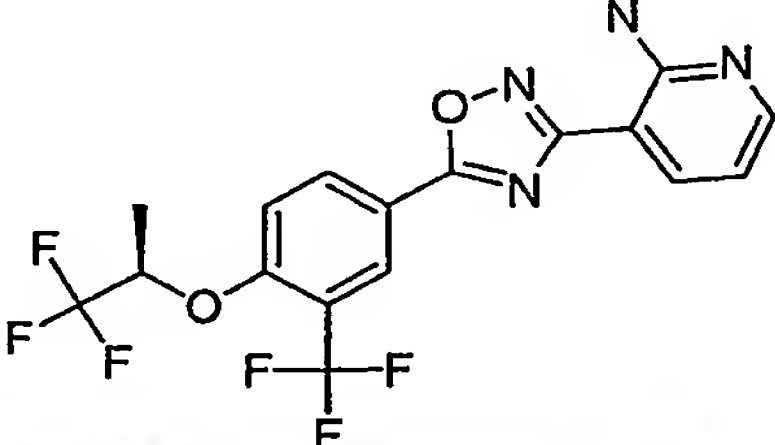
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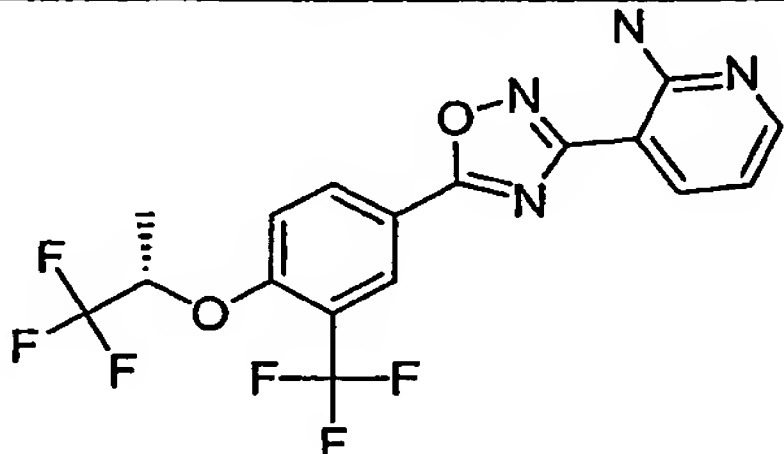
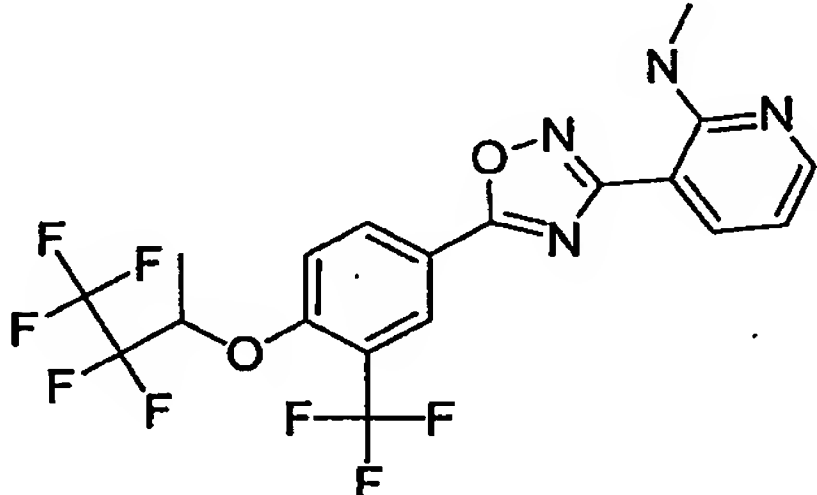
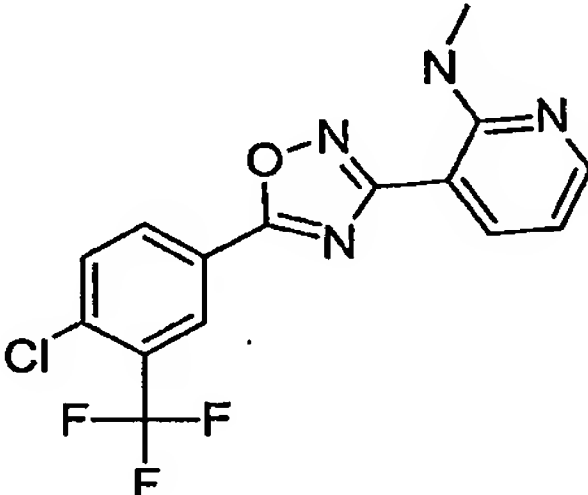
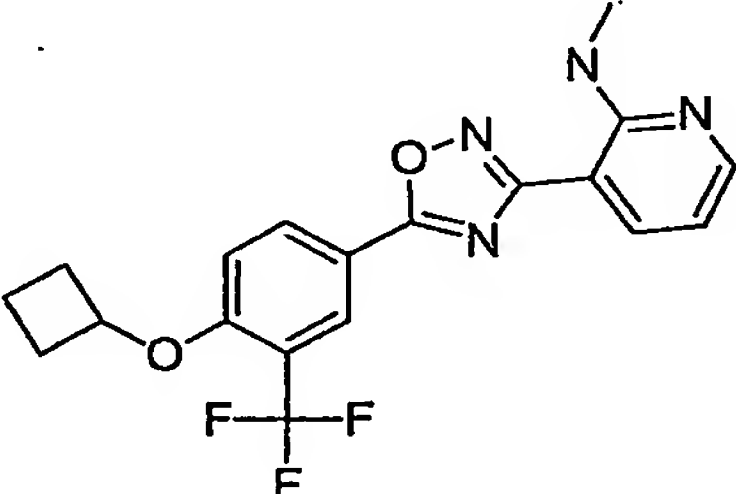
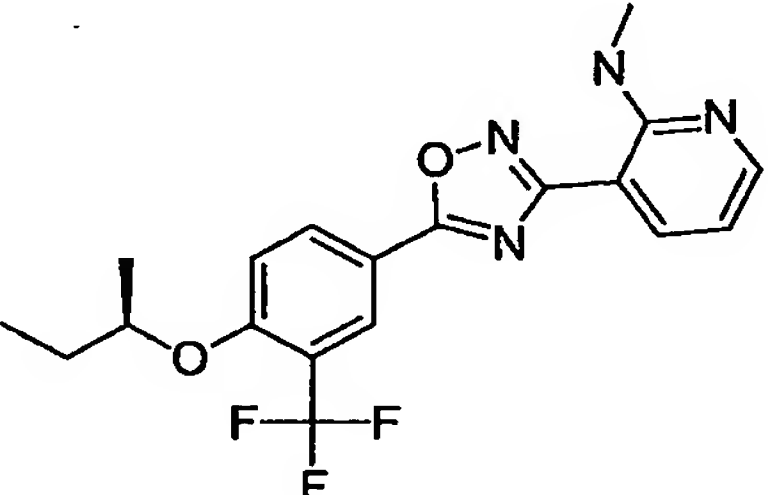
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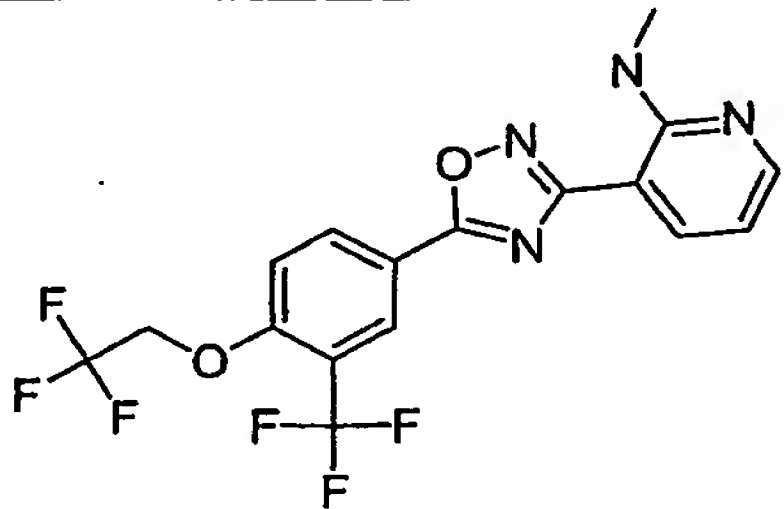
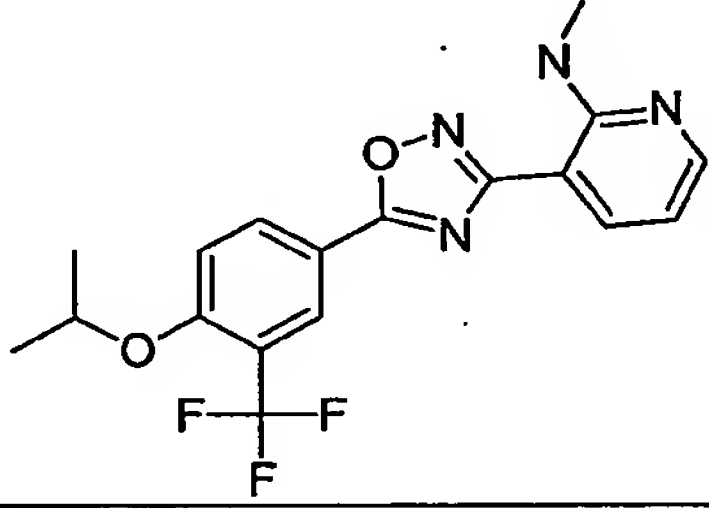
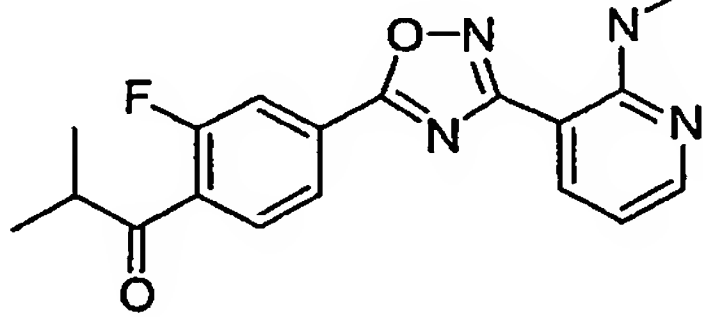
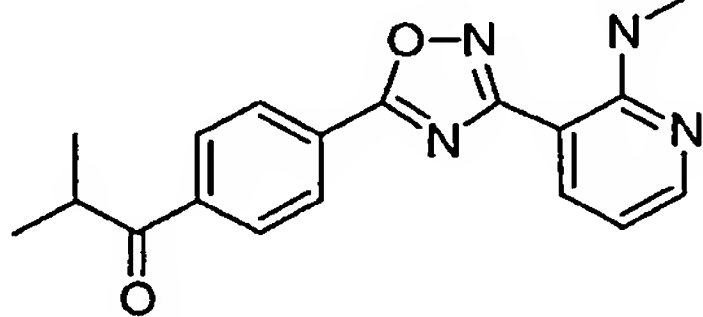
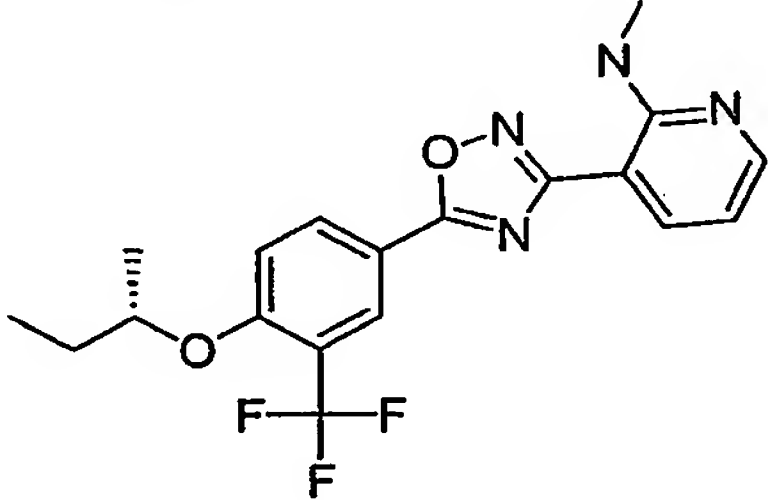


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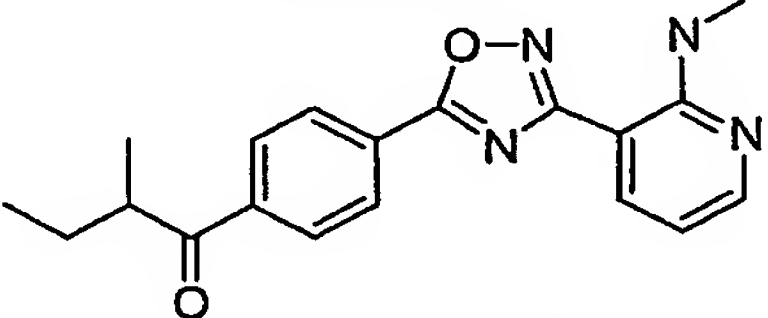
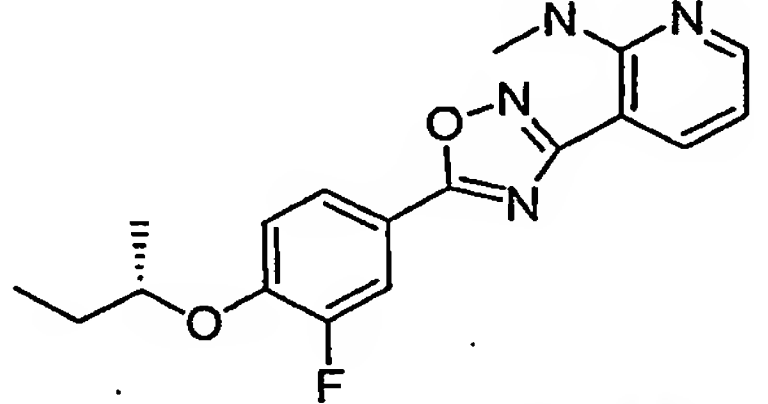
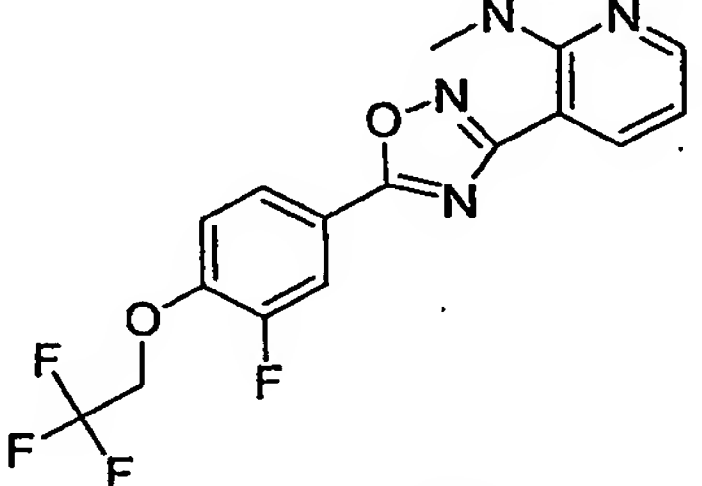
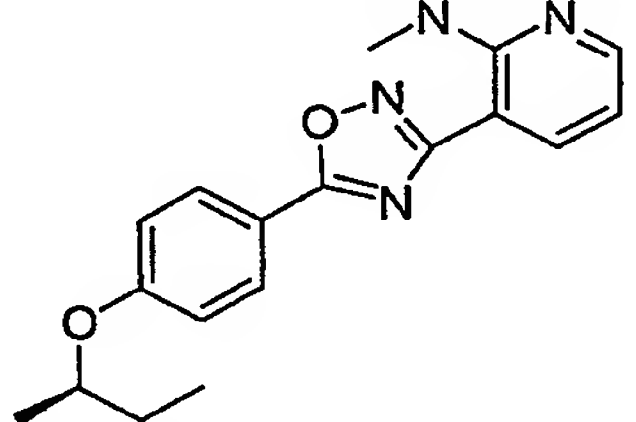
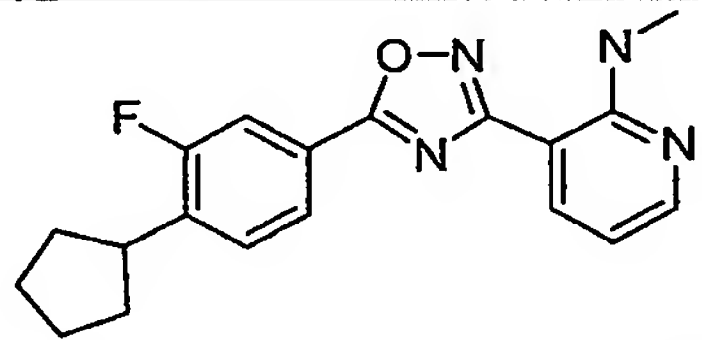
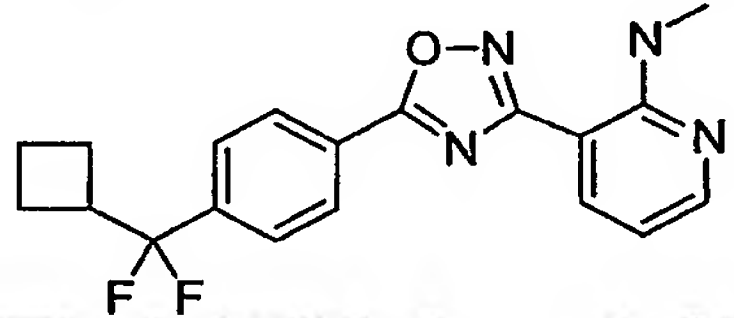
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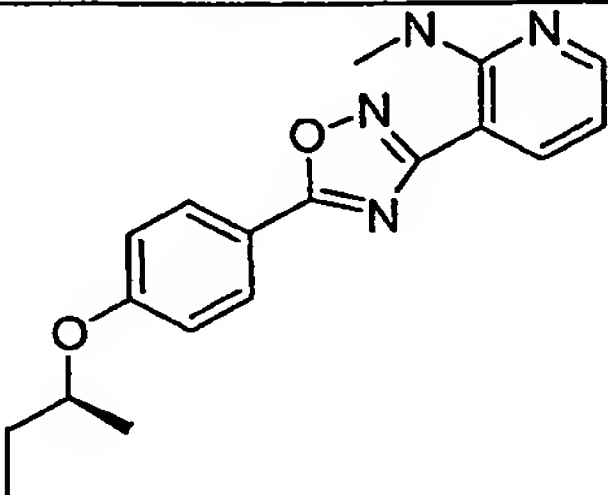
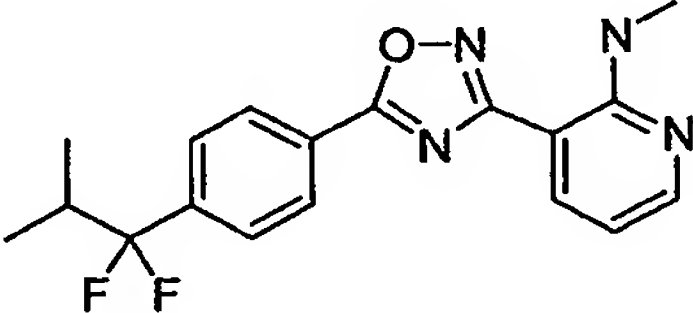
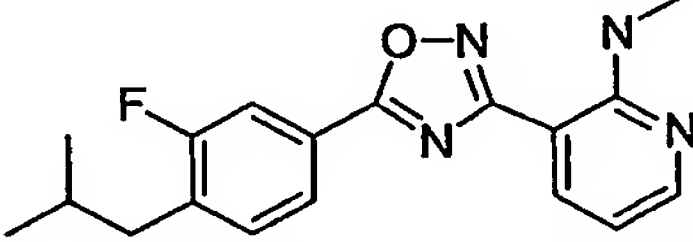
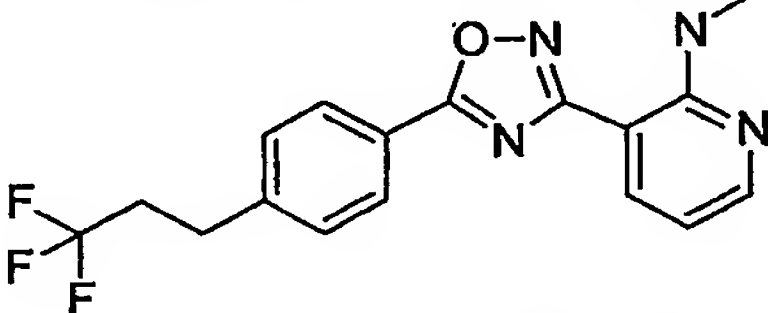
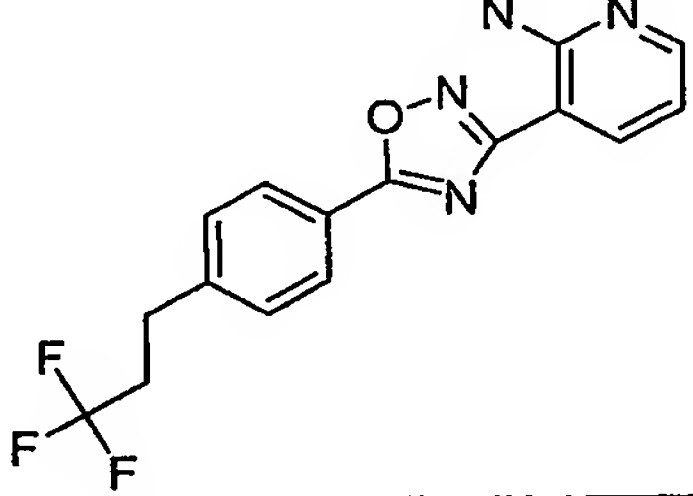
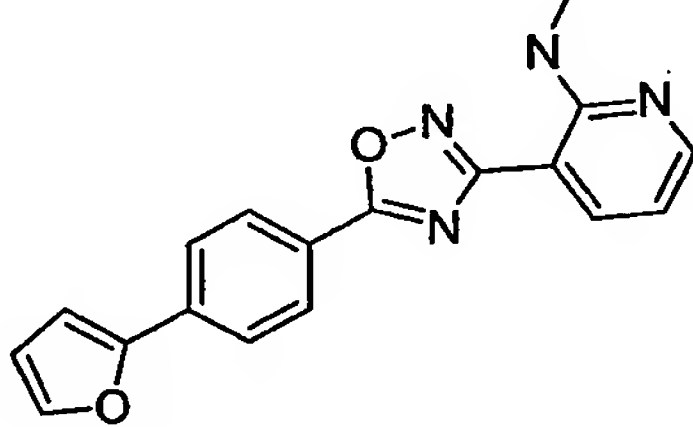
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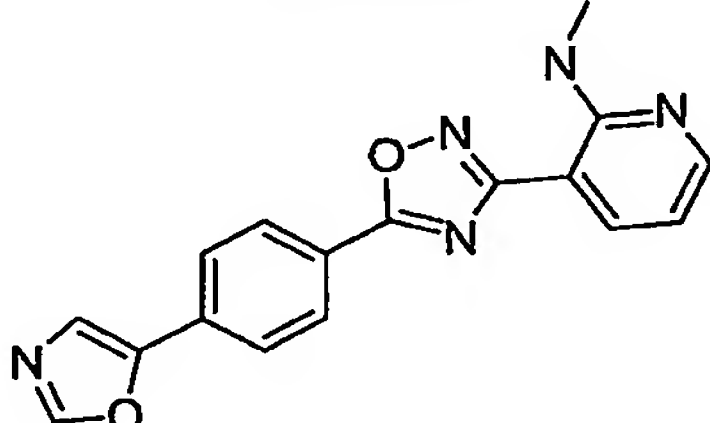
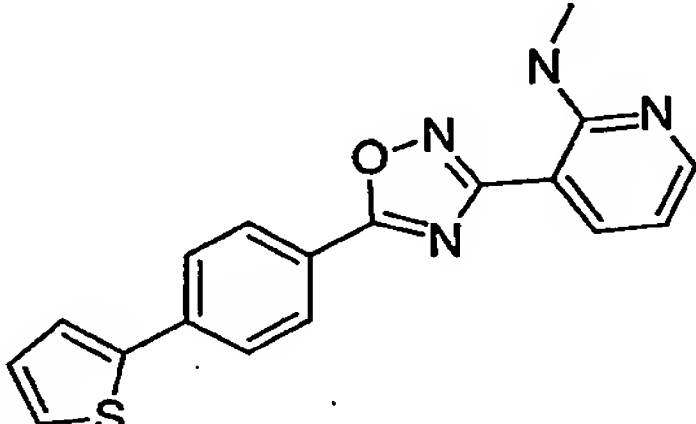
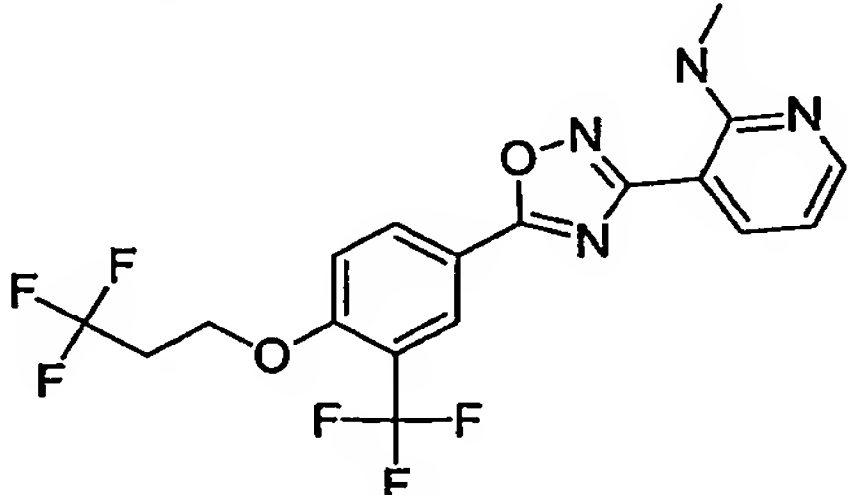
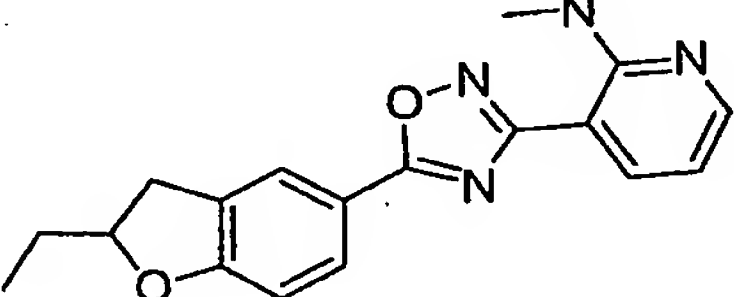
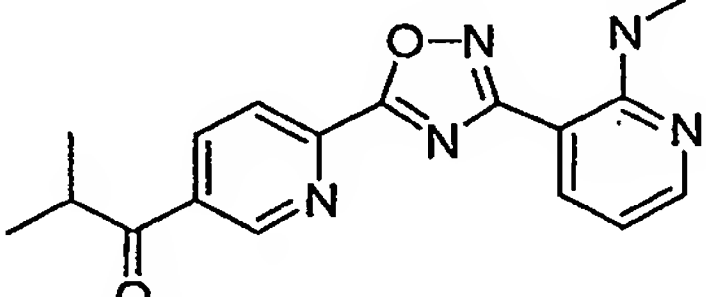
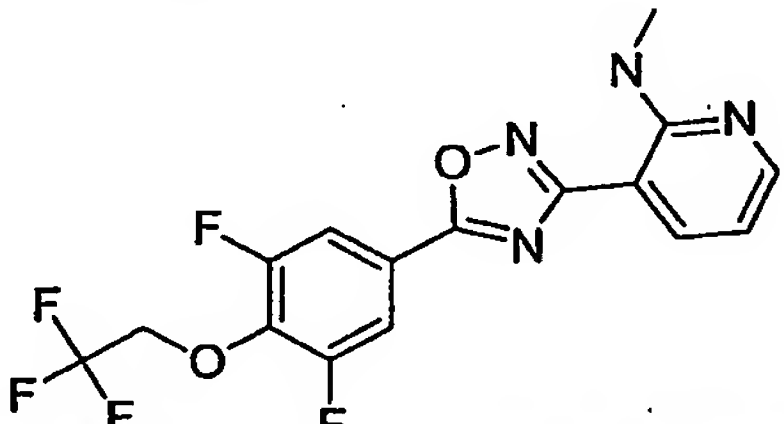
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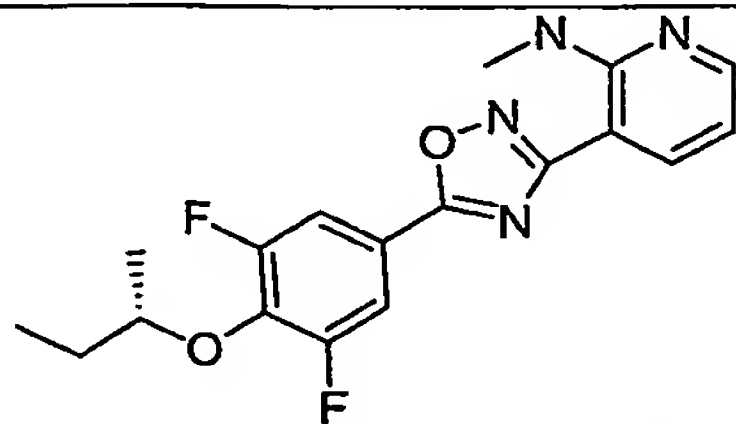
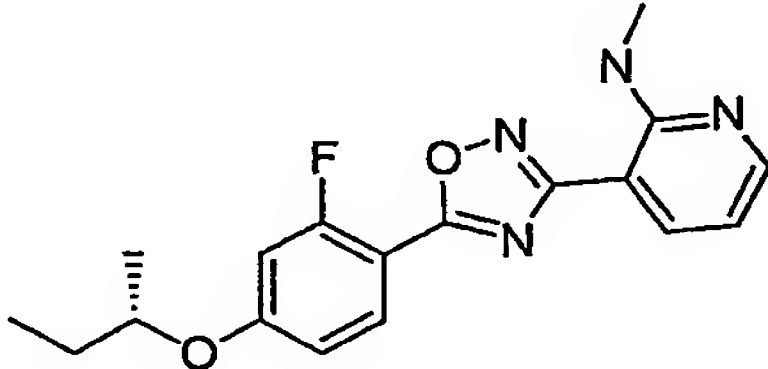
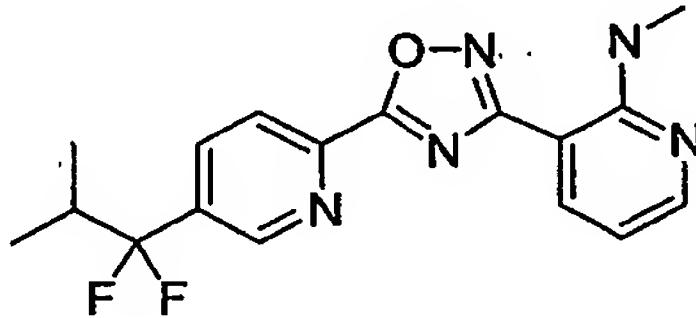
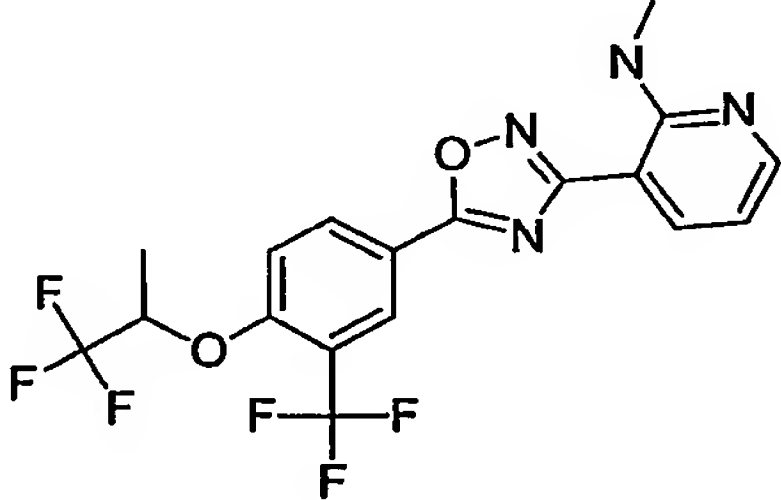
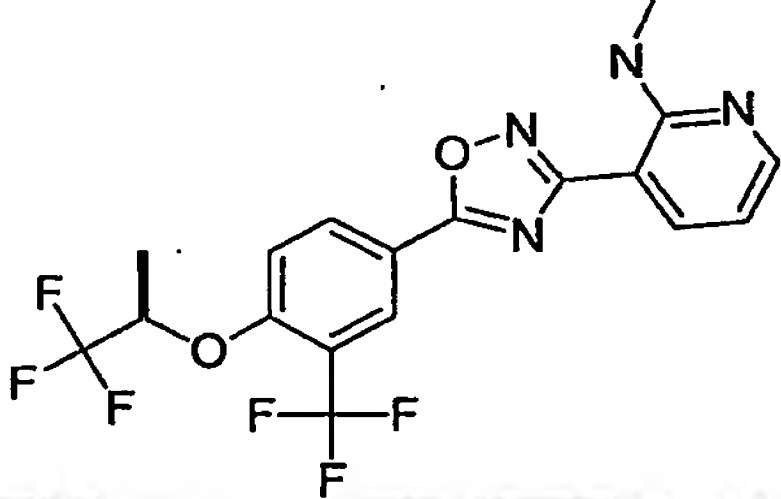
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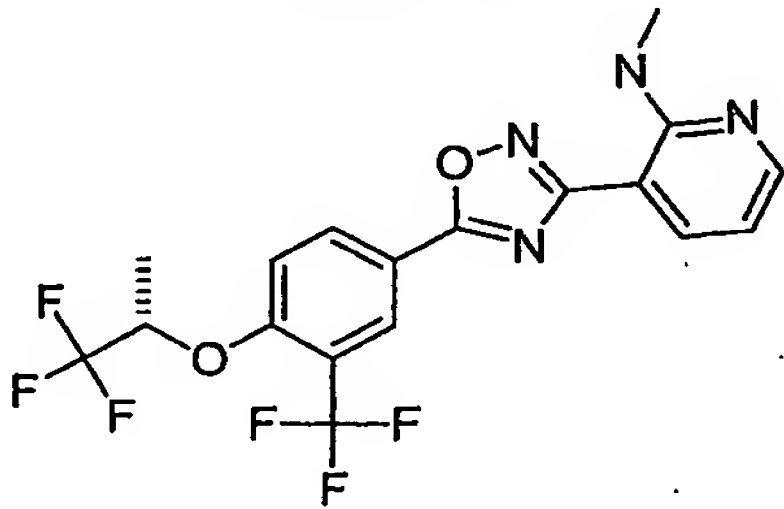
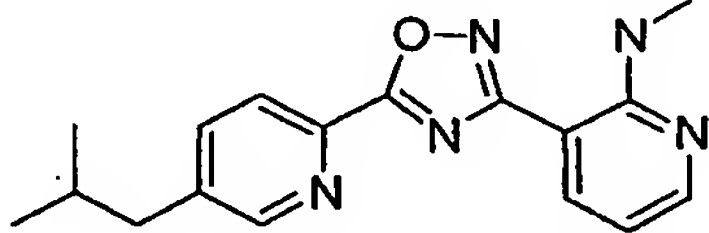
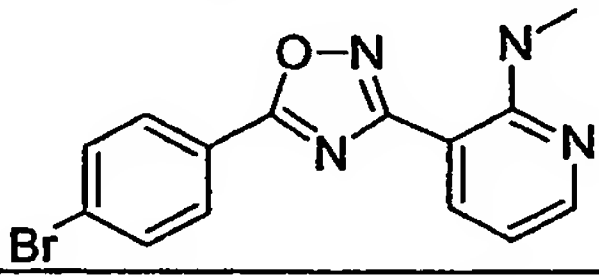
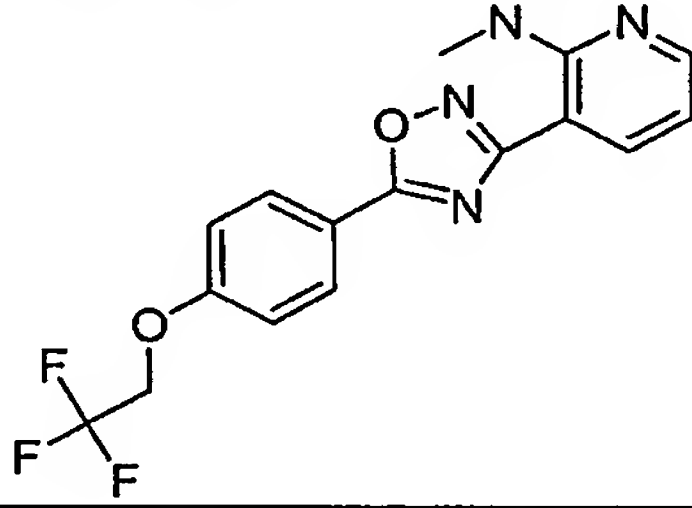
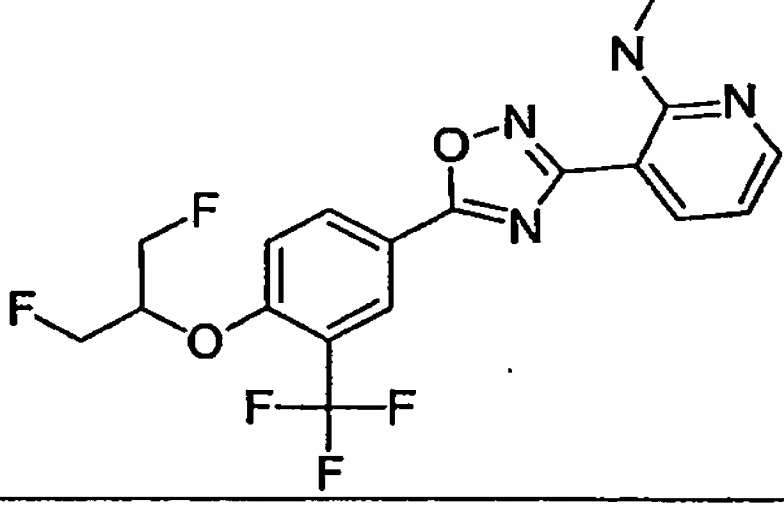
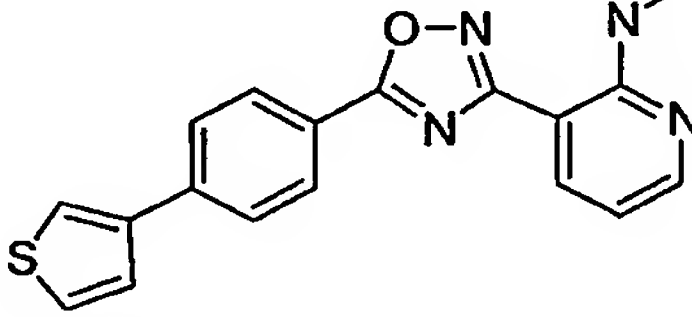


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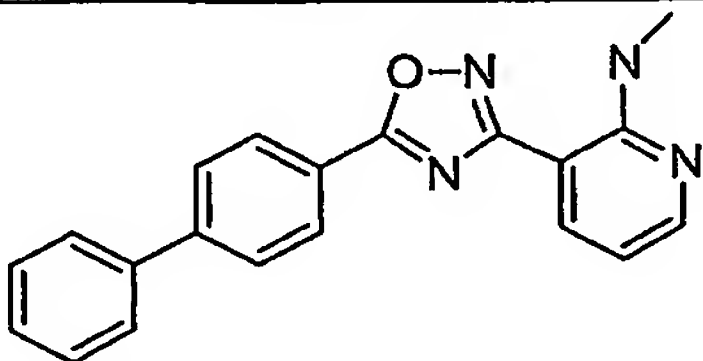
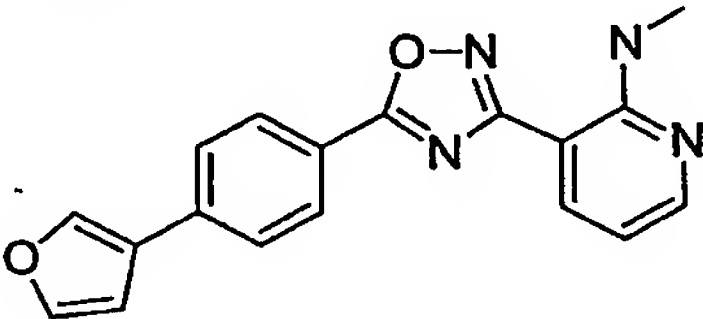
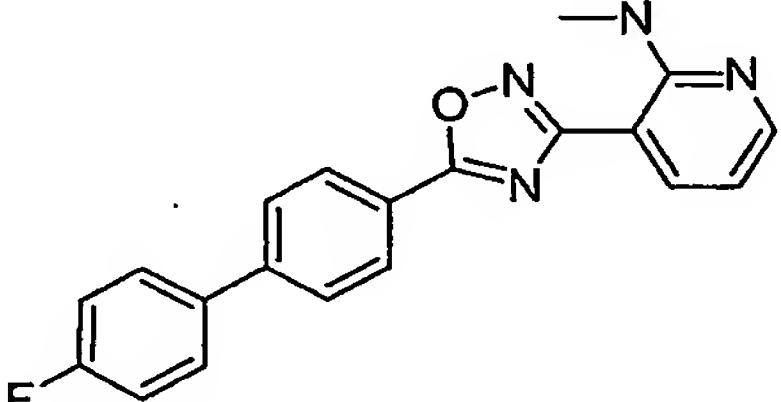
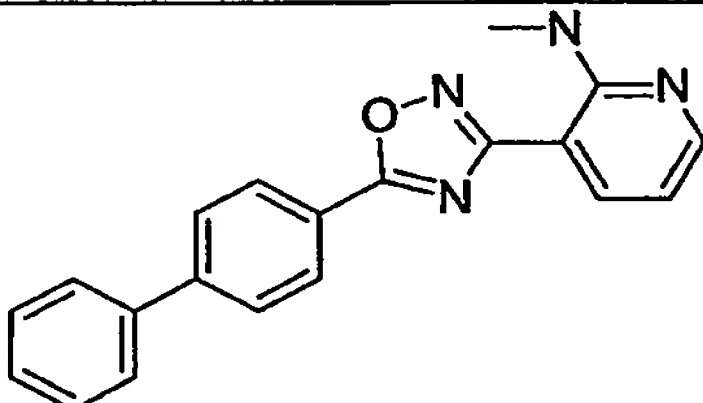
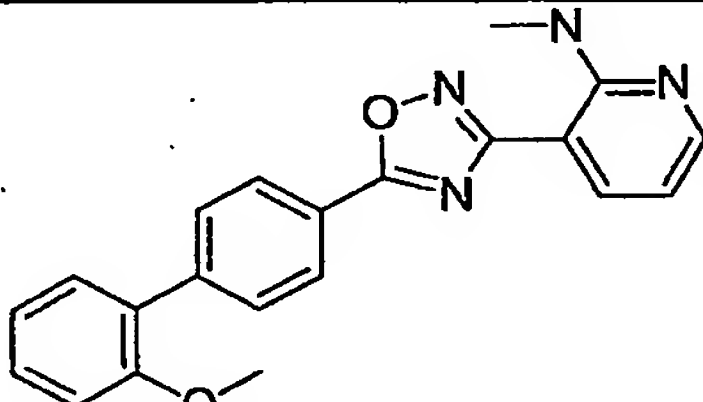
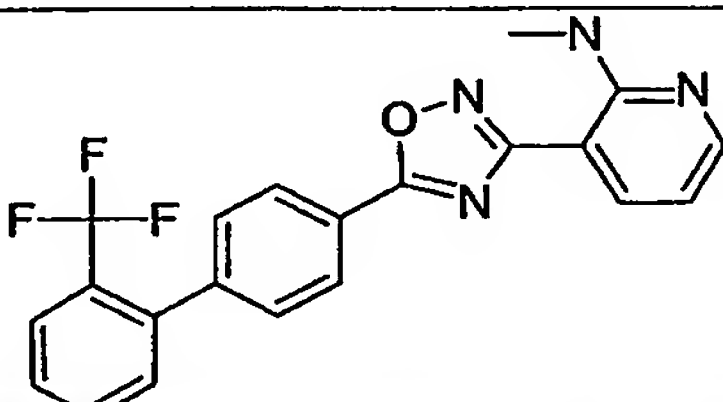
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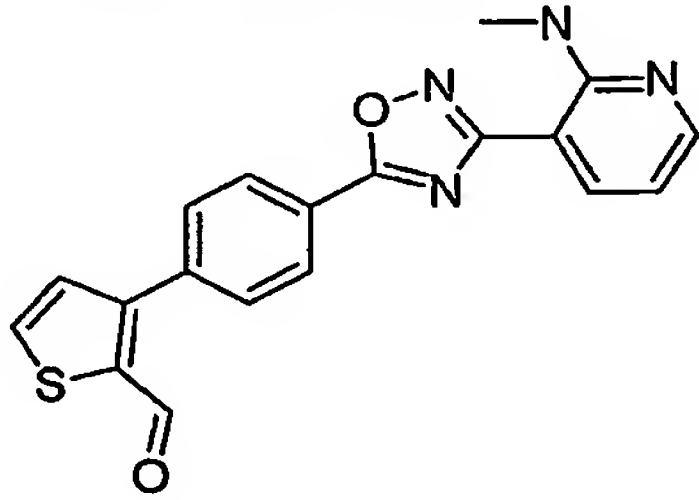
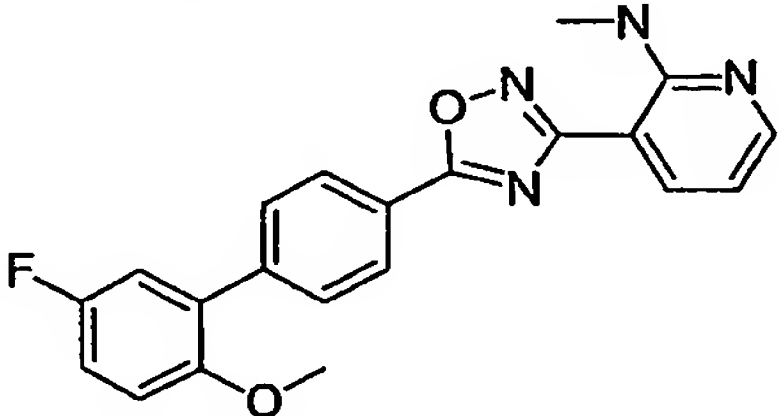
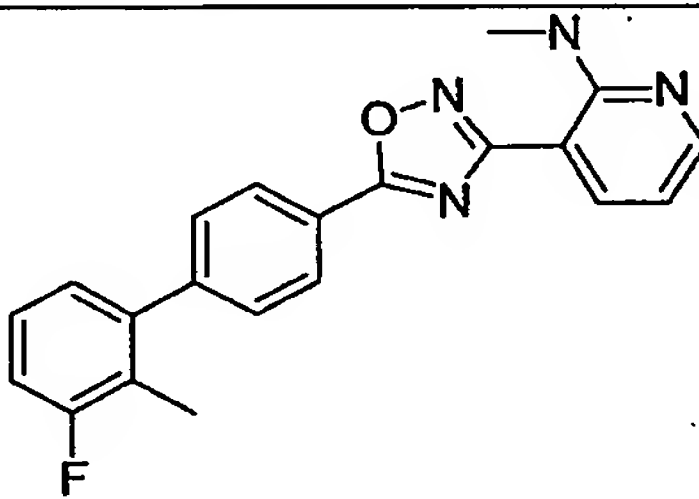
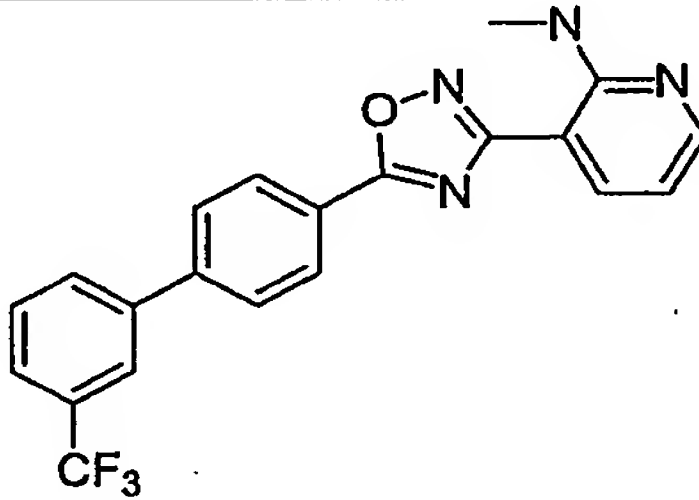
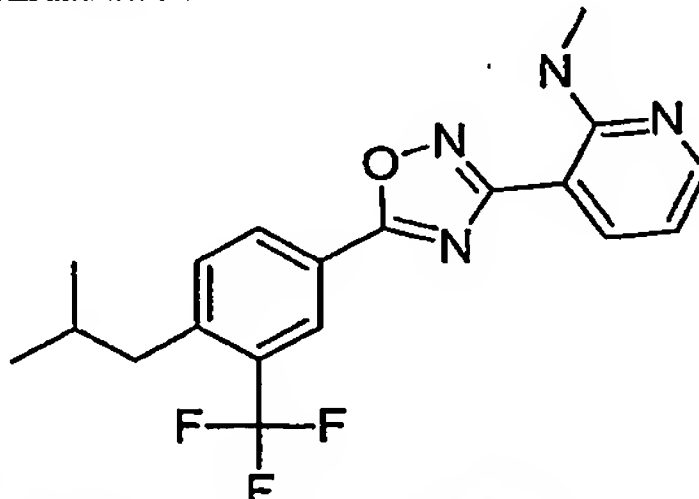
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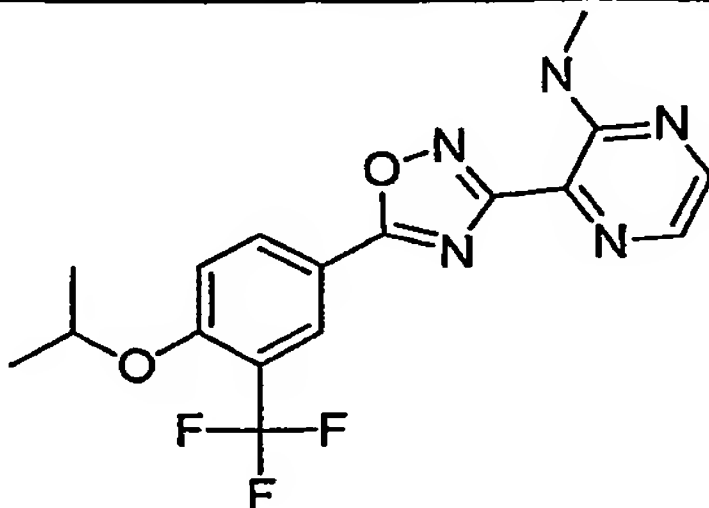
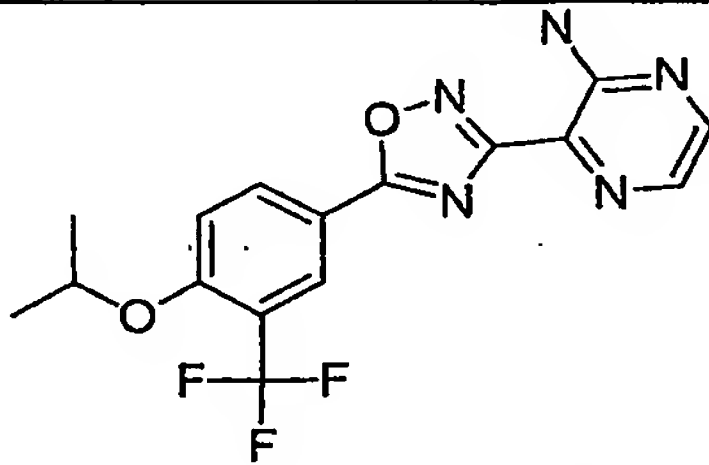
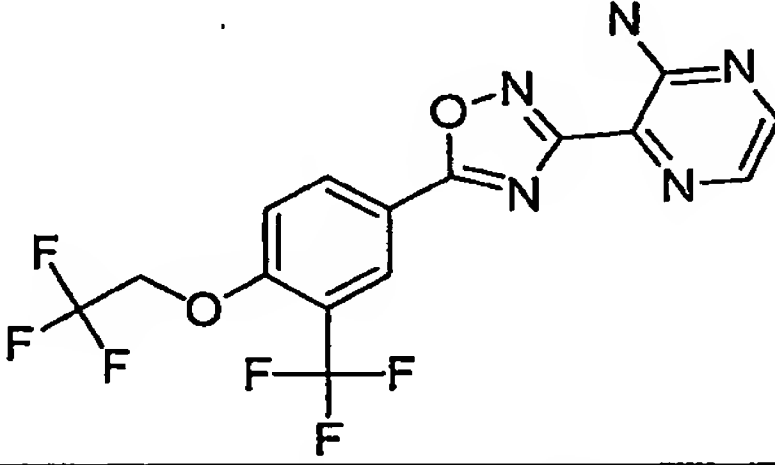
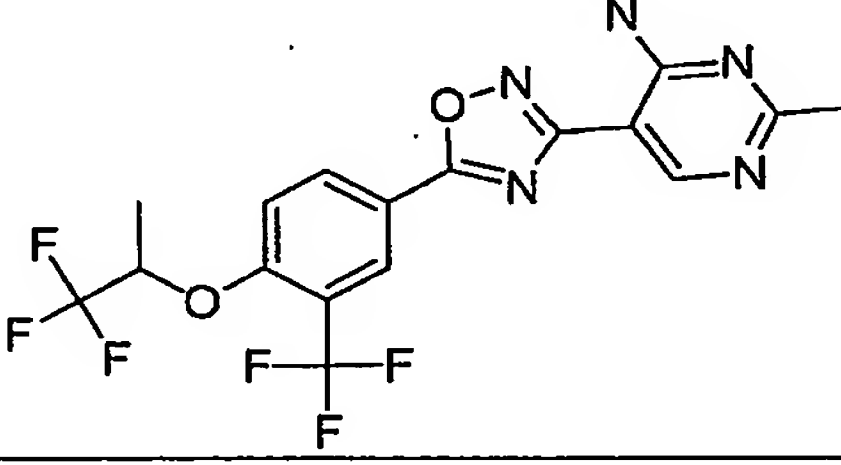
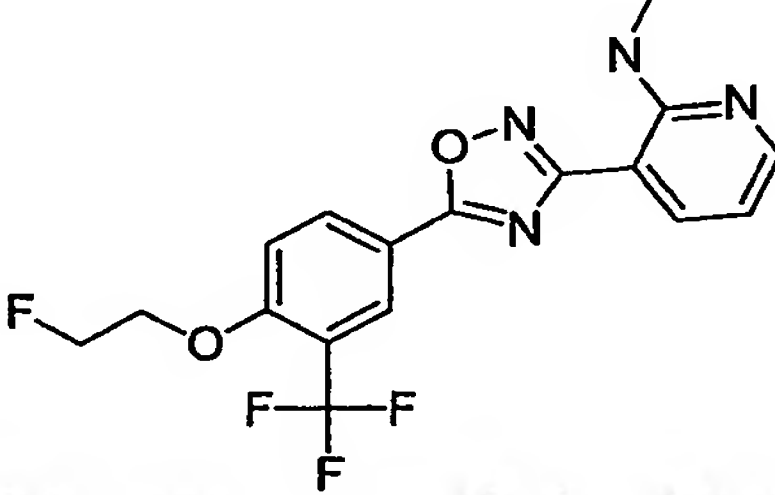
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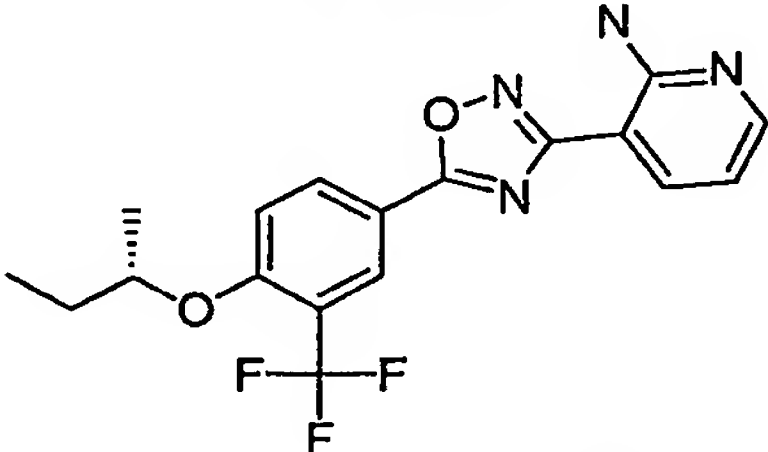
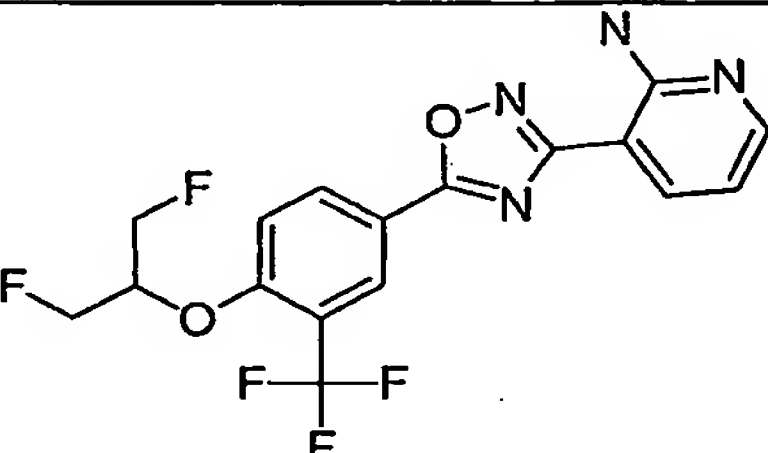
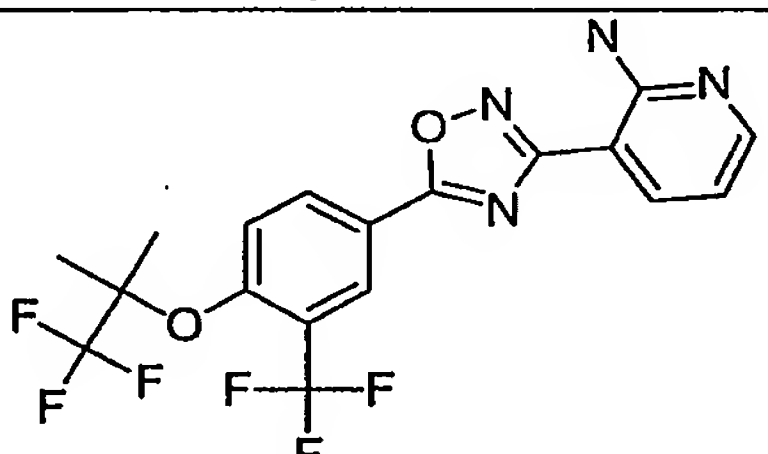
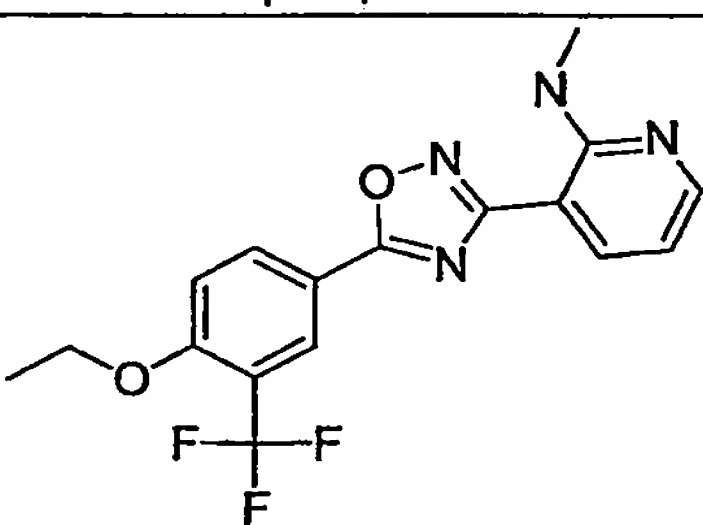
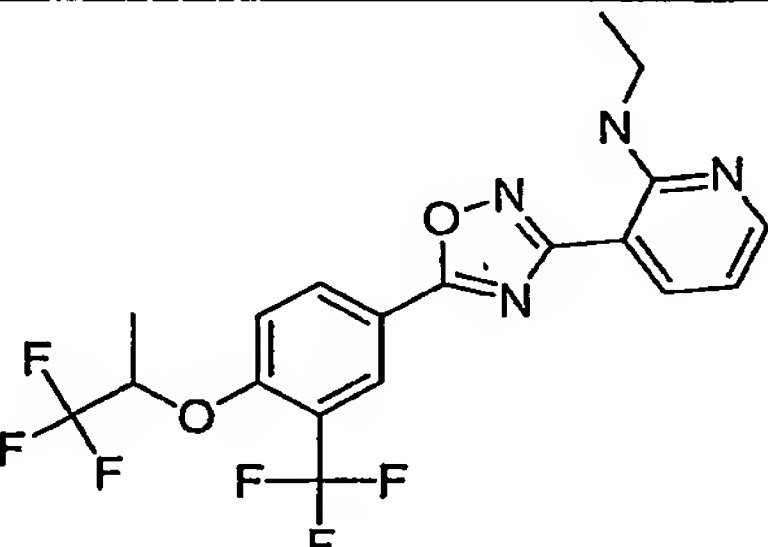


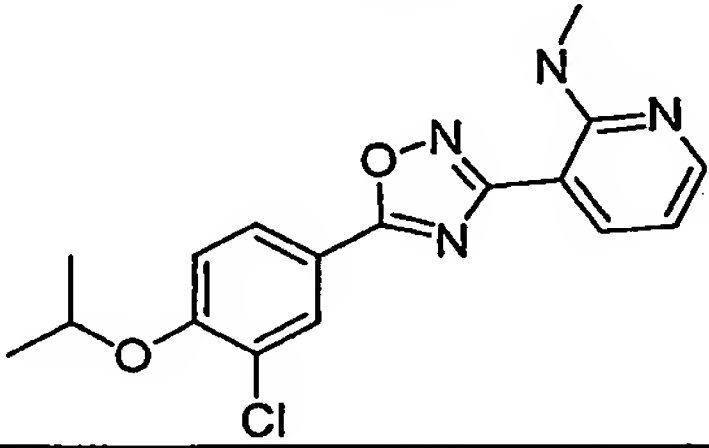
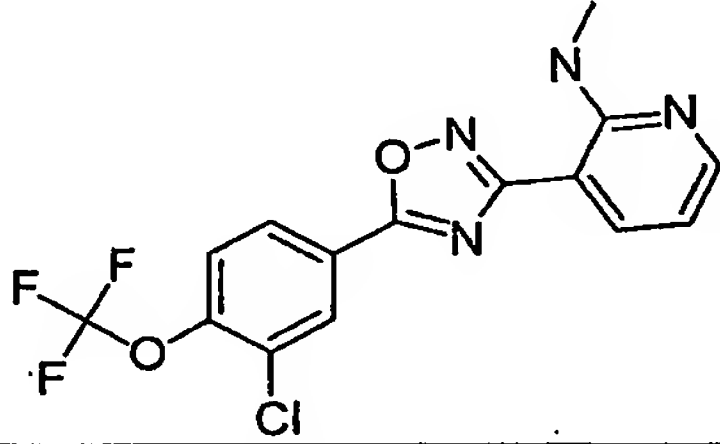
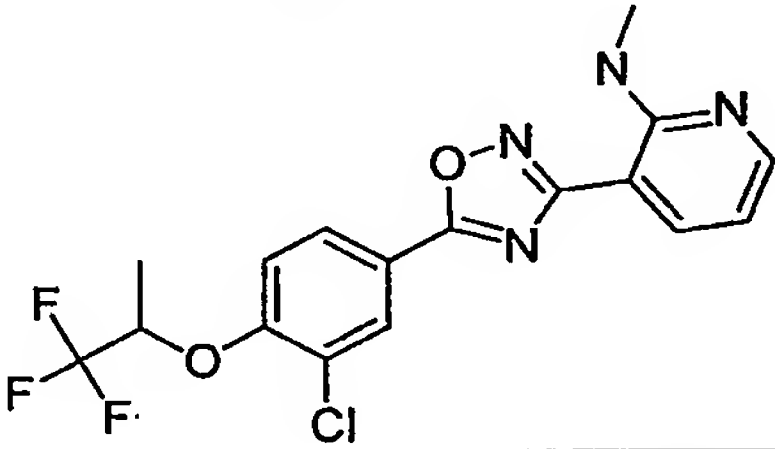
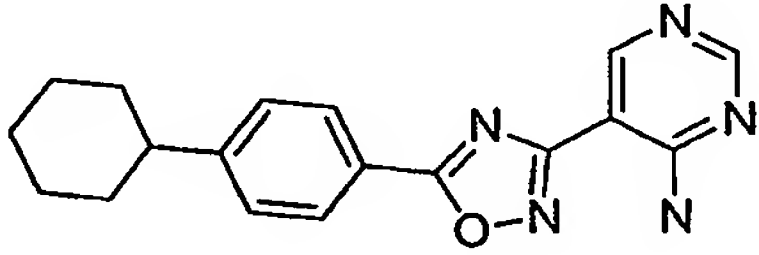
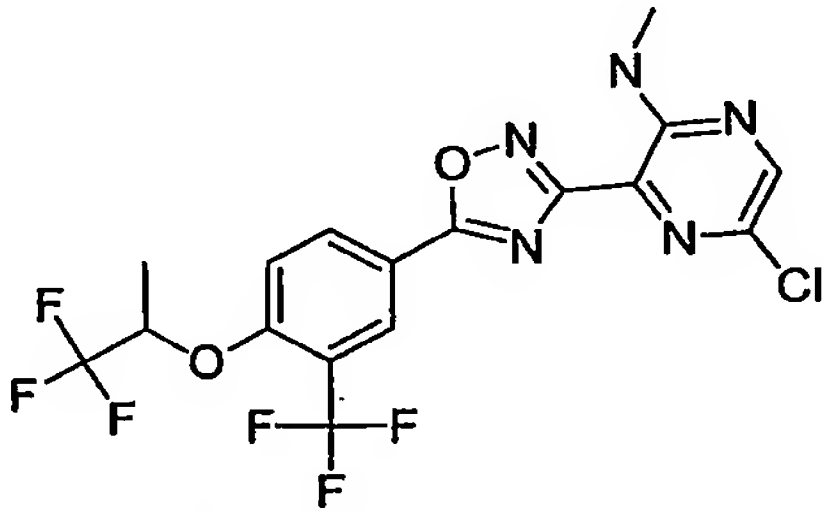
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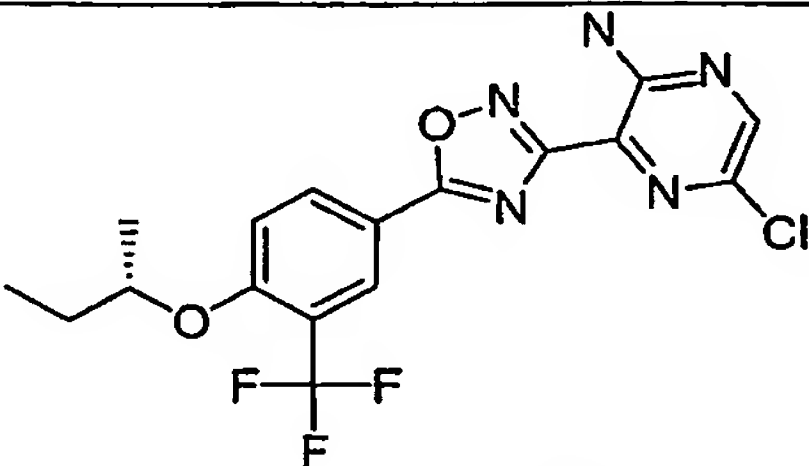
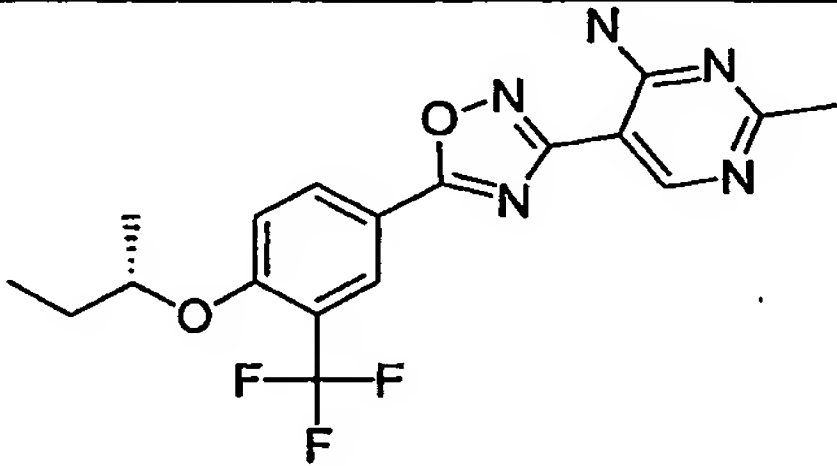
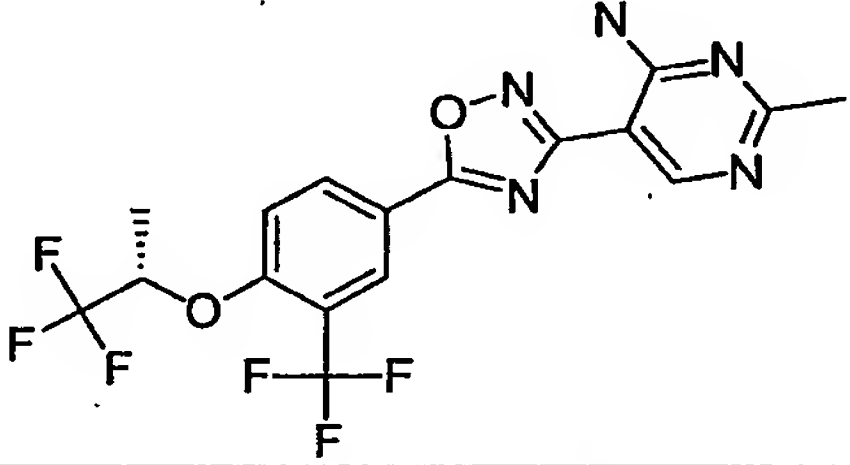
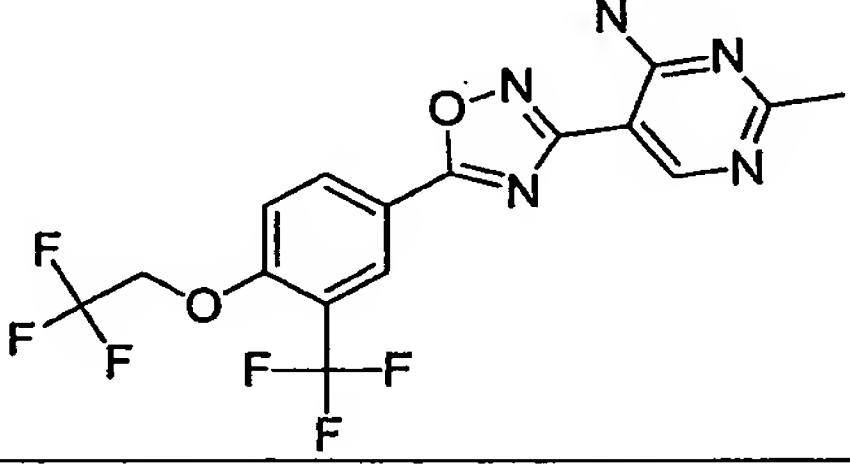
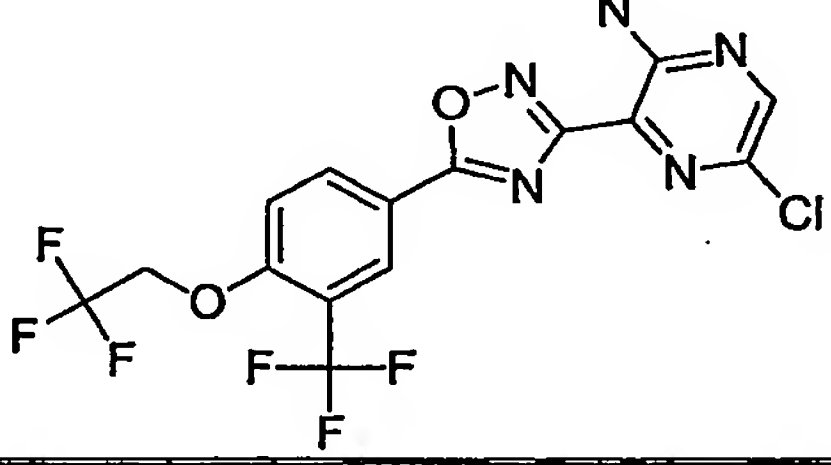
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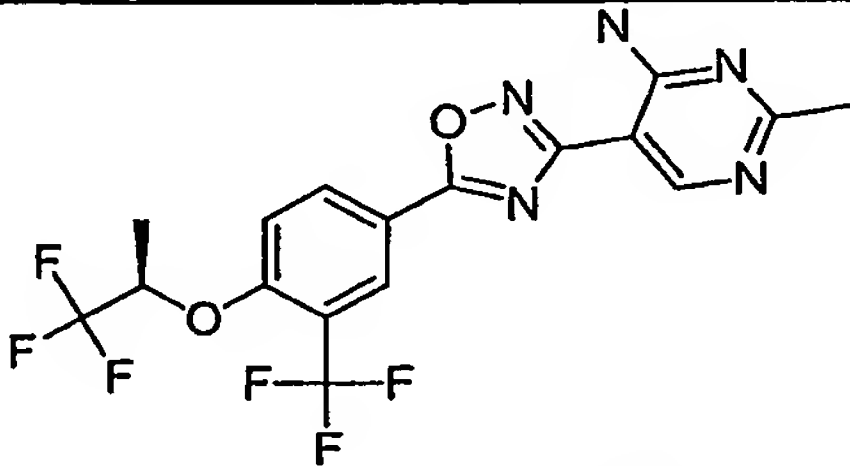
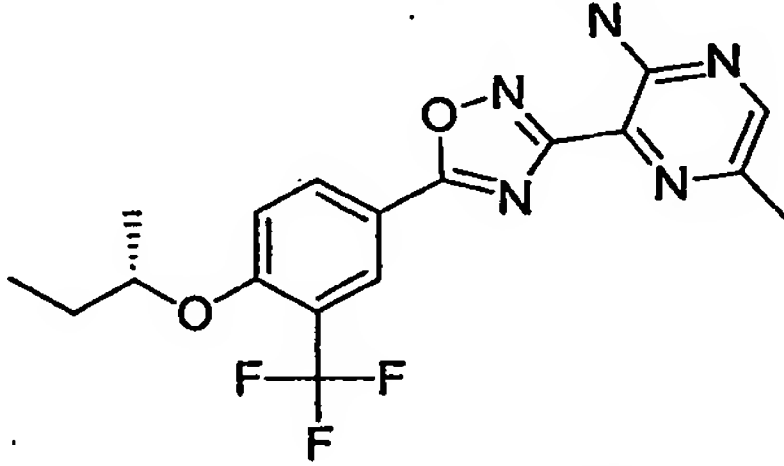
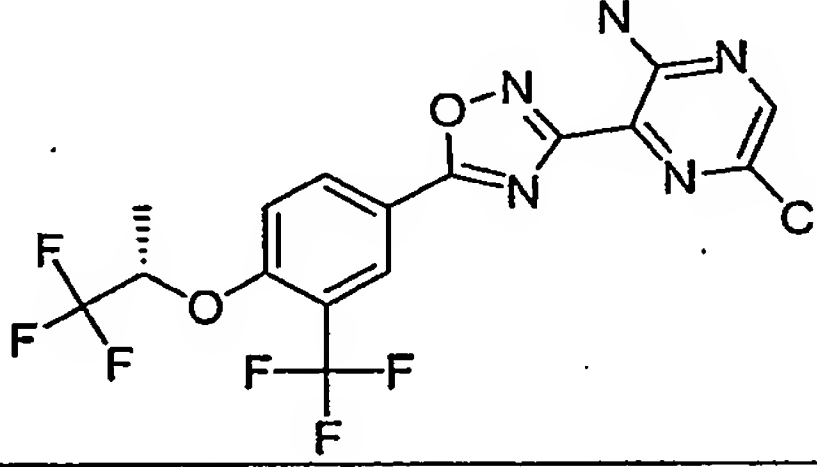
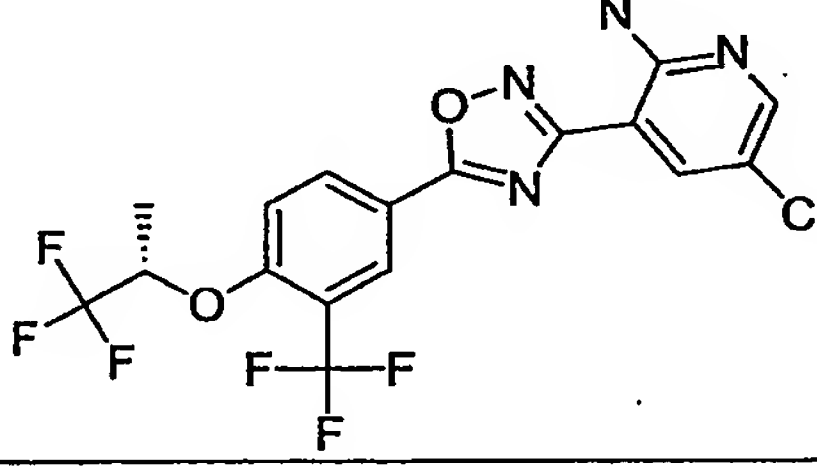
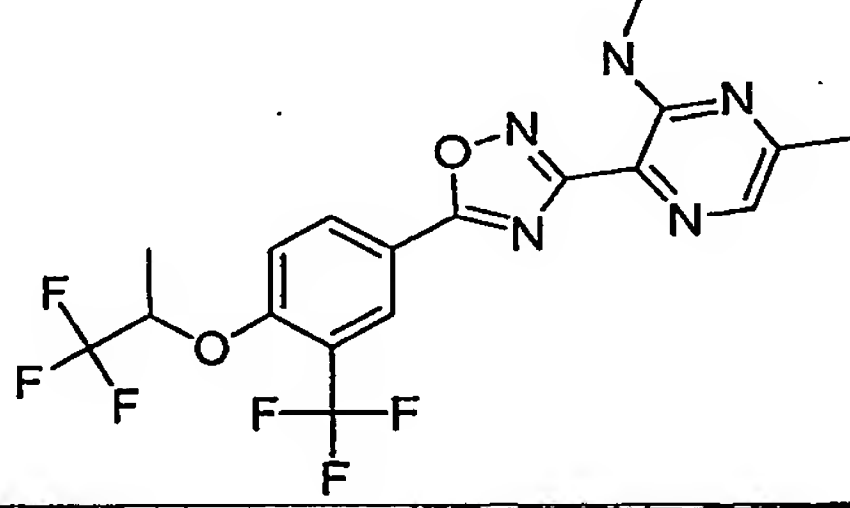
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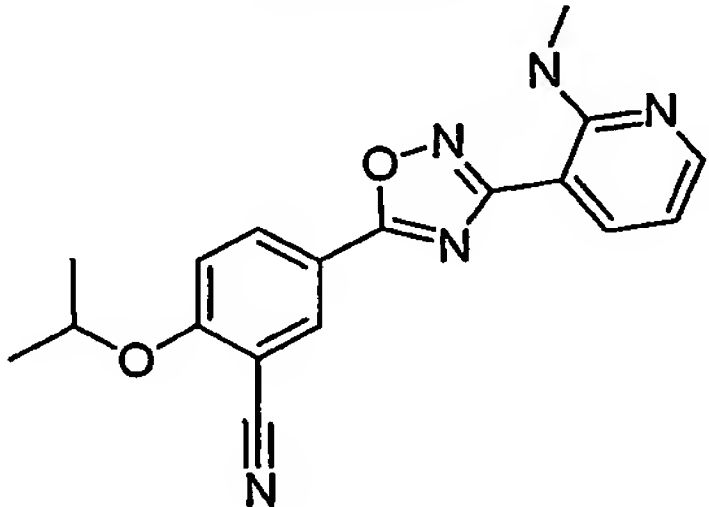
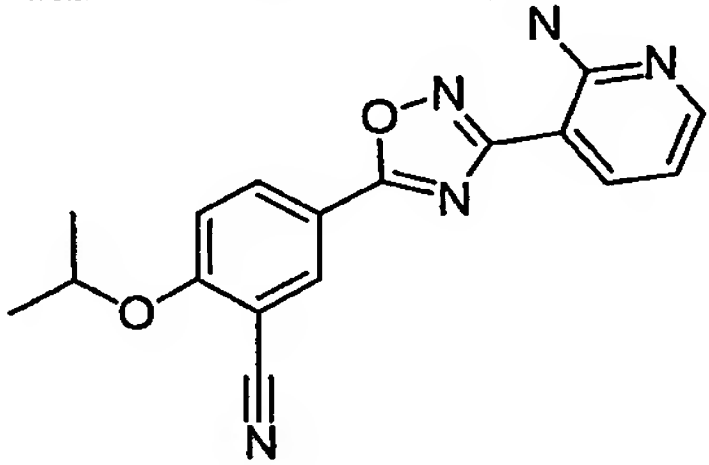
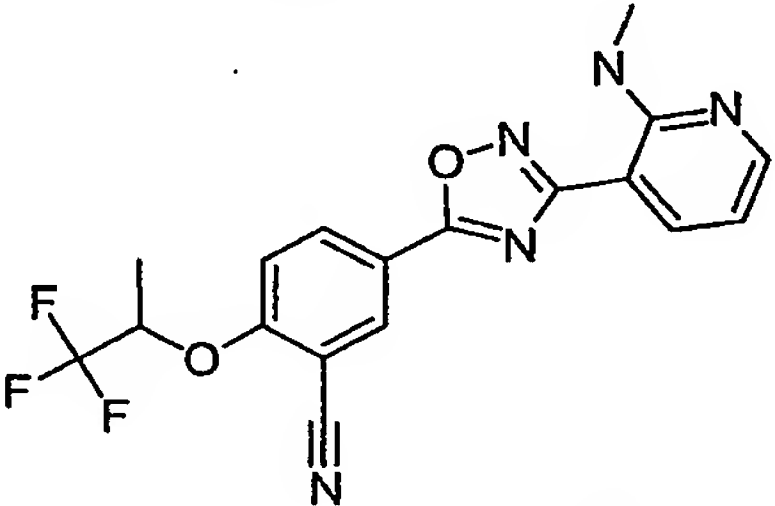
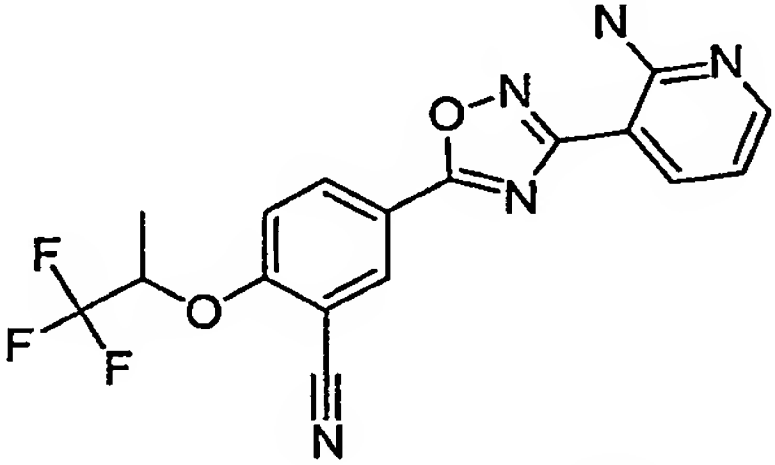
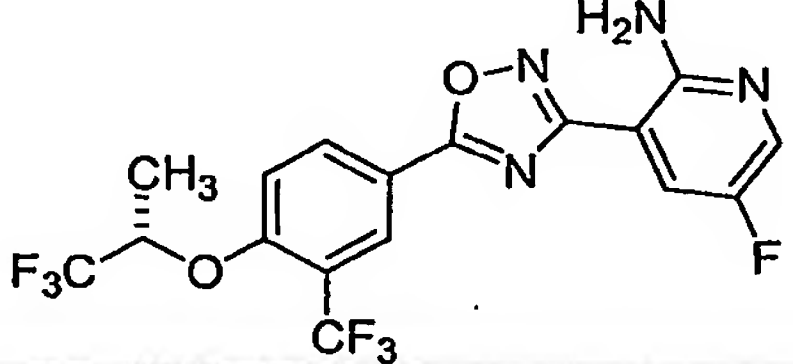
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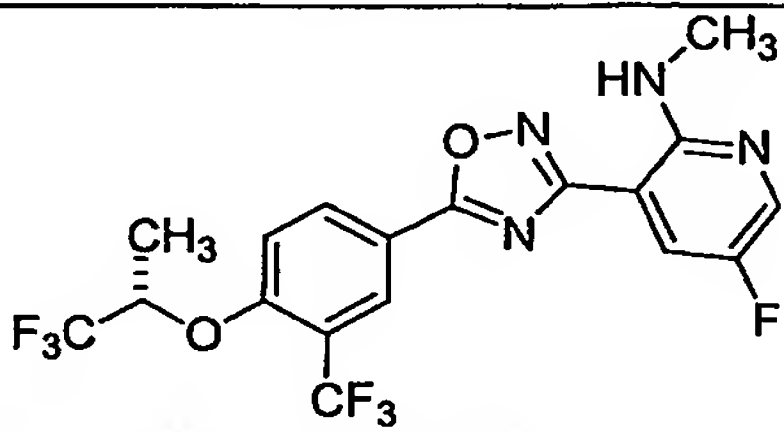
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| 94          | <br><chem>CC(C)(C)Oc1ccc(cc1C(F)(F)F)C2=NN=C(N2)c3nc(C)cnc3C</chem>       |
| 95          | <br><chem>FC(F)(F)COC1=CC=C(C=C1C(F)(F)F)C2=NN=C(N2)c3nc(C)cnc3C</chem>  |
| 96          | <br><chem>FC(F)(F)COC1=CC=C(C=C1C(F)(F)F)C2=NN=C(N2)c3nc(C)cnc3C</chem>  |
| 97          | <br><chem>FC(F)(F)COC1=CC=C(C=C1C(F)(F)F)C2=NN=C(N2)c3nc(Cl)cnc3C</chem> |

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any of the above.

5                   The invention also encompasses a method of treating an immunoregulatory abnormality in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment comprising administering to said patient a compound of Formula I in an amount that is effective for treating said immunoregulatory abnormality.

10                   Within this embodiment is encompassed the above method wherein the immunoregulatory abnormality is an autoimmune or chronic inflammatory disease selected from the group consisting of: systemic lupus erythematosus, chronic rheumatoid arthritis, type I diabetes mellitus, inflammatory bowel disease, biliary cirrhosis, uveitis, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, bullous pemphigoid, sarcoidosis, psoriasis, autoimmune myositis, Wegener's granulomatosis, 15                   ichthyosis, Graves ophthalmopathy and asthma.

Also within this embodiment is encompassed the above method wherein the immunoregulatory abnormality is bone marrow or organ transplant rejection or graft-versus-host disease.

20                   Also within this embodiment is encompassed the above method wherein the immunoregulatory abnormality is selected from the group consisting of: transplantation of organs or tissue, graft-versus-host diseases brought about by transplantation, autoimmune syndromes including rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, type I diabetes, uveitis, posterior uveitis, allergic encephalomyelitis, glomerulonephritis, 25                   post-infectious autoimmune diseases including rheumatic fever and post-infectious glomerulonephritis, inflammatory and hyperproliferative skin diseases, psoriasis,

atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis, eczematous dermatitis, seborrhoeic dermatitis, lichen planus, pemphigus, bullous pemphigoid, epidermolysis bullosa, urticaria, angioedemas, vasculitis, erythema, cutaneous eosinophilia, lupus erythematosus, acne, alopecia areata, keratoconjunctivitis, vernal conjunctivitis, uveitis associated with

5 Behcet's disease, keratitis, herpetic keratitis, conical cornea, dystrophia epithelialis corneae, corneal leukoma, ocular pemphigus, Mooren's ulcer, scleritis, Graves' ophthalmopathy, Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome, sarcoidosis, pollen allergies, reversible obstructive airway disease, bronchial asthma, allergic asthma, intrinsic asthma, extrinsic asthma, dust asthma, chronic or inveterate asthma, late asthma and

10 airway hyper-responsiveness, bronchitis, gastric ulcers, vascular damage caused by ischemic diseases and thrombosis, ischemic bowel diseases, inflammatory bowel diseases, necrotizing enterocolitis, intestinal lesions associated with thermal burns, coeliac diseases, proctitis, eosinophilic gastroenteritis, mastocytosis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, migraine, rhinitis, eczema, interstitial nephritis, Goodpasture's

15 syndrome, hemolytic-uremic syndrome, diabetic nephropathy, multiple myositis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, Meniere's disease, polyneuritis, multiple neuritis, mononeuritis, radiculopathy, hyperthyroidism, Basedow's disease, pure red cell aplasia, aplastic anemia, hypoplastic anemia, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, agranulocytosis, pernicious anemia, megaloblastic

20 anemia, anerythroplasia, osteoporosis, sarcoidosis, fibroid lung, idiopathic interstitial pneumonia, dermatomyositis, leukoderma vulgaris, ichthyosis vulgaris, photoallergic sensitivity, cutaneous T cell lymphoma, arteriosclerosis, atherosclerosis, aortitis syndrome, polyarteritis nodosa, myocardosis, scleroderma, Wegener's granuloma, Sjogren's syndrome, adiposis, eosinophilic fascitis, lesions of gingiva, periodontium,

25 alveolar bone, substantia ossea dentis, glomerulonephritis, male pattern alopecia or alopecia senilis by preventing epilation or providing hair germination and/or promoting hair generation and hair growth, muscular dystrophy, pyoderma and Sezary's syndrome, Addison's disease, ischemia-reperfusion injury of organs which occurs upon preservation, transplantation or ischemic disease, endotoxin-shock,

30 pseudomembranous colitis, colitis caused by drug or radiation, ischemic acute renal insufficiency, chronic renal insufficiency, toxinsosis caused by lung-oxygen or drugs, lung cancer, pulmonary emphysema, cataracta, siderosis, retinitis pigmentosa, senile macular degeneration, vitreal scarring, corneal alkali burn, dermatitis erythema

multiforme, linear IgA bullous dermatitis and cement dermatitis, gingivitis, periodontitis, sepsis, pancreatitis, diseases caused by environmental pollution, aging, carcinogenesis, metastasis of carcinoma and hypobaropathy, disease caused by histamine or leukotriene-C<sub>4</sub> release, Behcet's disease, autoimmune hepatitis, primary  
5 biliary cirrhosis, sclerosing cholangitis, partial liver resection, acute liver necrosis, necrosis caused by toxin, viral hepatitis, shock, or anoxia, B-virus hepatitis, non-A/non-B hepatitis, cirrhosis, alcoholic cirrhosis, hepatic failure, fulminant hepatic failure, late-onset hepatic failure, "acute-on-chronic" liver failure, augmentation of chemotherapeutic effect, cytomegalovirus infection, HCMV infection, AIDS, cancer,  
10 senile dementia, trauma, and chronic bacterial infection.

Also within this embodiment is encompassed the above method wherein the immunoregulatory abnormality is selected from the group consisting of:

- 1) multiple sclerosis,
- 2) rheumatoid arthritis,
- 15 3) systemic lupus erythematosus,
- 4) psoriasis,
- 5) rejection of transplanted organ or tissue,
- 6) inflammatory bowel disease,
- 7) a malignancy of lymphoid origin,
- 20 8) acute and chronic lymphocytic leukemias and lymphomas and
- 9) insulin and non-insulin dependent diabetes.

The invention also encompasses a method of suppressing the immune system in a mammalian patient in need of immunosuppression comprising administering to said patient an immunosuppressing effective amount of a compound  
25 of Formula I.

The invention also encompasses a pharmaceutical composition comprised of a compound of Formula I in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The invention also encompasses a method of treating a respiratory  
30 disease or condition in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment comprising administering to said patient a compound of Formula I in an amount that is effective for treating said respiratory disease or condition. Within this embodiment is encompassed the above method wherein the respiratory disease or condition is

selected from the group consisting of: asthma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, adult respiratory distress syndrome, infant respiratory distress syndrome, cough, eosinophilic granuloma, respiratory syncytial virus bronchiolitis, bronchiectasis, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, acute lung injury and bronchiolitis  
5 obliterans organizing pneumonia.

Also, within this embodiment is encompassed the above method wherein the patient also has a respiratory disease or condition.

Also, within this embodiment is encompassed the above method wherein the patient is also suffering from a cardiovascular disease or condition.

10 The invention is described using the following definitions unless otherwise indicated.

When a nitrogen atom appears in a formula of the present specification, it is understood that sufficient hydrogen atoms or substituents are present to satisfy the valency of the nitrogen atom.

15 The term "halogen" or "halo" includes F, Cl, Br, and I.

The term "alkyl" means linear or branched structures and combinations thereof, having the indicated number of carbon atoms. Thus, for example, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl includes methyl, ethyl, propyl, 2-propyl, s- and t-butyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, 1,1-dimethylethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl.

20 The term "alkoxy" means alkoxy groups of a straight, branched or cyclic configuration having the indicated number of carbon atoms. C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, for example, includes methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, isopropoxy, and the like.

The term "alkylthio" means alkylthio groups having the indicated number of carbon atoms of a straight, branched or cyclic configuration. C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylthio, for example, includes methylthio, propylthio, isopropylthio, and the like.  
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The term "alkenyl" means linear or branched structures and combinations thereof, of the indicated number of carbon atoms, having at least one carbon-to-carbon double bond, wherein hydrogen may be replaced by an additional carbon-to-carbon double bond. C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, for example, includes ethenyl, propenyl, 1-methylethenyl, butenyl and the like.  
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The term "alkynyl" means linear or branched structures and combinations thereof, of the indicated number of carbon atoms, having at least one

carbon-to-carbon triple bond. C<sub>3</sub>-alkynyl, for example, includes , propenyl, 1-methylethenyl, butenyl and the like.

5 The term "cycloalkyl" means mono-, bi- or tri-cyclic structures, optionally combined with linear or branched structures, having the indicated number of carbon atoms. Examples of cycloalkyl groups include cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cycloheptyl, adamantyl, cyclododecylmethyl, 2-ethyl-1-bicyclo[4.4.0]decyl, cyclobutylmethyl and the like.

The term "cycloalkoxy" means cycloalkyl-O- wherein cycloalkyl is as defined above. For example, cycloalkoxy includes cyclobutoxy.

10 The term "acyl" means an alkyl group as defined above substituted at the 1-position with oxo. Examples include formyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, valeryl and hexanoyl.

The term "aryl" is defined as a mono- or bi-cyclic aromatic ring system and includes, for example, phenyl, naphthyl, and the like.

15 The term "aralkyl" means an alkyl group as defined above of 1 to 6 carbon atoms with an aryl group as defined above substituted for one of the alkyl hydrogen atoms, for example, benzyl and the like.

20 The term "aryloxy" means an aryl group as defined above attached to a molecule by an oxygen atom (aryl-O) and includes, for example, phenoxy, naphthoxy and the like.

The term "aralkoxy" means an aralkyl group as defined above attached to a molecule by an oxygen atom (aralkyl-O) and includes, for example, benzyloxy, and the like.

25 The term "arylthio" is defined as an aryl group as defined above attached to a molecule by an sulfur atom (aryl-S) and includes, for example, thiophenyloxy, thionaphthoxy and the like.

The term "aroyl" means an aryl group as defined above attached to a molecule by an carbonyl group (aryl-C(O)-) and includes, for example, benzoyl, naphthoyl and the like.

30 The term "aroyloxy" means an aroyl group as defined above attached to a molecule by an oxygen atom (aroyl-O) and includes, for example, benzoyloxy or benzoxy, naphthoyloxy and the like.



The term "treating" encompasses not only treating a patient to relieve the patient of the signs and symptoms of the disease or condition but also prophylactically treating an asymptomatic patient to prevent the onset or progression of the disease or condition. The term "amount effective for treating" is intended to mean that amount of a drug or pharmaceutical agent that will elicit the biological or medical response of a tissue, a system, animal or human that is being sought by a researcher, veterinarian, medical doctor or other clinician. The term also encompasses the amount of a pharmaceutical drug that will prevent or reduce the risk of occurrence of the biological or medical event that is sought to be prevented in a tissue, a system, animal or human by a researcher, veterinarian, medical doctor or other clinician.

The invention described herein includes pharmaceutically acceptable salts and hydrates. Pharmaceutically acceptable salts include both the metallic (inorganic) salts and organic salts; a list of which is given in *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences*, 17th Edition, pg. 1418 (1985). It is well known to one skilled in the art that an appropriate salt form is chosen based on physical and chemical stability, flowability, hygroscopicity and solubility. As will be understood by those skilled in the art, pharmaceutically acceptable salts include, but are not limited to salts of inorganic acids such as hydrochloride, sulfate, phosphate, diphosphate, hydrobromide, and nitrate or salts of an organic acid such as malate, maleate, fumarate, tartrate, succinate, citrate, acetate, lactate, methanesulfonate, p-toluenesulfonate or pamoate, salicylate and stearate. Similarly pharmaceutically acceptable cations include, but are not limited to sodium, potassium, calcium, aluminum, lithium and ammonium (especially ammonium salts with secondary amines). Preferred salts of this invention for the reasons cited above include potassium, sodium, calcium and ammonium salts. Also included within the scope of this invention are crystal forms, hydrates and solvates of the compounds of Formula I.

For purposes of this Specification, "pharmaceutically acceptable hydrate" means the compounds of the instant invention crystallized with one or more molecules of water to form a hydrated form.

The invention also includes the compounds falling within Formula I in the form of one or more stereoisomers, in substantially pure form or in the form of a mixture of stereoisomers. All such isomers are encompassed within the present invention.

By virtue of their S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1 agonist activity, the compounds of the present invention are immunoregulatory agents useful for treating or preventing automimmune or chronic inflammatory diseases. The compounds of the present invention are useful to suppress the immune system in instances where

5 immunosuppression is in order, such as in bone marrow, organ or transplant rejection, autoimmune and chronic inflammatory diseases, including systemic lupus erythematosus, chronic rheumatoid arthritis, type I diabetes mellitus, inflammatory bowel disease, biliary cirrhosis, uveitis, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, bullous pemphigoid, sarcoidosis, psoriasis, autoimmune myositis, Wegener's

10 granulomatosis, ichthyosis, Graves ophthalmopathy and asthma.

More particularly, the compounds of the present invention are useful to treat or prevent a disease or disorder selected from the group consisting of: transplantation of organs or tissue, graft-versus-host diseases brought about by transplantation, autoimmune syndromes including rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus

15 erythematosus, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, type I diabetes, uveitis, posterior uveitis, allergic encephalomyelitis, glomerulonephritis, post-infectious autoimmune diseases including rheumatic fever and post-infectious glomerulonephritis, inflammatory and hyperproliferative skin diseases, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis, eczematous dermatitis, seborrhoeic dermatitis,

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25 ophthalmopathy, Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome, sarcoidosis, pollen allergies, reversible obstructive airway disease, bronchial asthma, allergic asthma, intrinsic asthma, extrinsic asthma, dust asthma, chronic or inveterate asthma, late asthma and airway hyper-responsiveness, bronchitis, gastric ulcers, vascular damage caused by ischemic diseases and thrombosis, ischemic bowel diseases, inflammatory bowel

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The compounds of the present invention are also useful for treating or preventing Alzheimer's Disease.

Also embodied within the present invention is a method of preventing or treating resistance to transplantation or transplantation rejection of organs or tissues

in a mammalian patient in need thereof, which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of Formula I.

5 A method of suppressing the immune system in a mammalian patient in need thereof, which comprises administering to the patient an immune system suppressing amount of the compound of Formula I is yet another embodiment.

Most particularly, the method described herein encompasses a method of treating or preventing bone marrow or organ transplant rejection which is comprised of administering to a mammalian patient in need of such treatment or prevention a compound of Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof, in an amount that is effective for treating or preventing bone marrow or organ transplant rejection.

The compounds of the present invention are also useful for treating a respiratory diseases or condition, such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, adult respiratory distress syndrome, infant respiratory distress syndrome, cough, eosinophilic granuloma, respiratory syncytial virus bronchiolitis, bronchiectasis, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, acute lung injury and bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia

15 Furthermore, the compounds of the present invention are selective agonists of the S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1 receptor having selectivity over S1P<sub>3</sub>/Edg3 receptor. An Edg1 selective agonist has advantages over current therapies and extends the therapeutic window of lymphocytes sequestration agents, allowing better tolerability with higher dosing and thus improving efficacy as monotherapy.

The present invention also includes a pharmaceutical formulation comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and the compound of Formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof. A preferred embodiment of the formulation is one where a second immunosuppressive agent is also included. Examples of such second immunosuppressive agents are, but are not limited to azathioprine, brequinar sodium, deoxyspergualin, mizaribine, mycophenolic acid morpholino ester, cyclosporin, FK-506, rapamycin, FTY720 and ISAtx247 (Isotechnika). Methods of co-administering a compound of Formula I with a second immunosuppressive agent, including one or more of the above, is also encompassed within the invention.

The present compounds, including salts and hydrates thereof, are useful in the treatment of autoimmune diseases, including the prevention of rejection of bone marrow transplant, foreign organ transplants and/or related afflictions, diseases and illnesses.

5           The compounds of this invention can be administered by any means that effects contact of the active ingredient compound with the site of action in the body of a warm-blooded animal. For example, administration can be oral, topical, including transdermal, ocular, buccal, intranasal, inhalation, intravaginal, rectal, intracisternal and parenteral. The term "parenteral" as used herein refers to modes of  
10 administration which include subcutaneous, intravenous, intramuscular, intraarticular injection or infusion, intrasternal and intraperitoneal.

          The compounds can be administered by any conventional means available for use in conjunction with pharmaceuticals, either as individual therapeutic agents or in a combination of therapeutic agents. They can be administered alone, but  
15 are generally administered with a pharmaceutical carrier selected on the basis of the chosen route of administration and standard pharmaceutical practice.

          The dosage administered will be dependent on the age, health and weight of the recipient, the extent of disease, kind of concurrent treatment, if any, frequency of treatment and the nature of the effect desired. Usually, a daily dosage of  
20 active ingredient compound will be from about 0.1-2000 milligrams per day. Ordinarily, from 1 to 100 milligrams per day in one or more applications is effective to obtain desired results. These dosages are the effective amounts for the treatment of autoimmune diseases, the prevention of rejection of foreign organ transplants and/or related afflictions, diseases and illnesses.

25           The active ingredient can be administered orally in solid dosage forms, such as capsules, tablets, troches, dragées, granules and powders, or in liquid dosage forms, such as elixirs, syrups, emulsions, dispersions, and suspensions. The active ingredient can also be administered parenterally, in sterile liquid dosage forms, such as dispersions, suspensions or solutions. Other dosage forms that can also be used to  
30 administer the active ingredient as an ointment, cream, drops, transdermal patch or powder for topical administration, as an ophthalmic solution or suspension formation, i.e., eye drops, for ocular administration, as an aerosol spray or powder composition

for inhalation or intranasal administration, or as a cream, ointment, spray or suppository for rectal or vaginal administration.

5        Gelatin capsules contain the active ingredient and powdered carriers, such as lactose, starch, cellulose derivatives, magnesium stearate, stearic acid, and the like. Similar diluents can be used to make compressed tablets. Both tablets and capsules can be manufactured as sustained release products to provide for continuous release of medication over a period of hours. Compressed tablets can be sugar coated or film coated to mask any unpleasant taste and protect the tablet from the atmosphere, or enteric coated for selective disintegration in the gastrointestinal tract.

10       Liquid dosage forms for oral administration can contain coloring and flavoring to increase patient acceptance.

15       In general, water, a suitable oil, saline, aqueous dextrose (glucose), and related sugar solutions and glycols such as propylene glycol or polyethylene glycols are suitable carriers for parenteral solutions. Solutions for parenteral administration preferably contain a water soluble salt of the active ingredient, suitable stabilizing agents, and if necessary, buffer substances. Antioxidizing agents such as sodium bisulfite, sodium sulfite, or ascorbic acid, either alone or combined, are suitable stabilizing agents. Also used are citric acid and its salts and sodium EDTA. In addition, parenteral solutions can contain preservatives, such as benzalkonium  
20       chloride, methyl- or propylparaben, and chlorobutanol.

Suitable pharmaceutical carriers are described in *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences*, A. Osol, a standard reference text in this field.

For administration by inhalation, the compounds of the present invention may be conveniently delivered in the form of an aerosol spray presentation  
25       from pressurized packs or nebulisers. The compounds may also be delivered as powders which may be formulated and the powder composition may be inhaled with the aid of an insufflation powder inhaler device. The preferred delivery system for inhalation is a metered dose inhalation (MDI) aerosol, which may be formulated as a suspension or solution of a compound of Formula I in suitable propellants, such as  
30       fluorocarbons or hydrocarbons.

For ocular administration, an ophthalmic preparation may be formulated with an appropriate weight percent solution or suspension of the compounds of Formula I in an appropriate ophthalmic vehicle, such that the

compound is maintained in contact with the ocular surface for a sufficient time period to allow the compound to penetrate the corneal and internal regions of the eye.

Useful pharmaceutical dosage-forms for administration of the compounds of this invention can be illustrated as follows:

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#### CAPSULES

A large number of unit capsules are prepared by filling standard two-piece hard gelatin capsules each with 100 milligrams of powdered active ingredient, 150 milligrams of lactose, 50 milligrams of cellulose, and 6 milligrams magnesium stearate.

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#### SOFT GELATIN CAPSULES

A mixture of active ingredient in a digestible oil such as soybean oil, cottonseed oil or olive oil is prepared and injected by means of a positive displacement pump into gelatin to form soft gelatin capsules containing 100 milligrams of the active ingredient. The capsules are washed and dried.

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#### TABLETS

A large number of tablets are prepared by conventional procedures so that the dosage unit is 100 milligrams of active ingredient, 0.2 milligrams of colloidal silicon dioxide, 5 milligrams of magnesium stearate, 275 milligrams of microcrystalline cellulose, 11 milligrams of starch and 98.8 milligrams of lactose. Appropriate coatings may be applied to increase palatability or delay absorption.

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#### INJECTABLE

A parenteral composition suitable for administration by injection is prepared by stirring 1.5% by weight of active ingredient in 10% by volume propylene glycol. The solution is made to volume with water for injection and sterilized.

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#### SUSPENSION

An aqueous suspension is prepared for oral administration so that each 5 milliliters contain 100 milligrams of finely divided active ingredient, 100 milligrams of sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, 5 milligrams of sodium benzoate, 1.0 grams of sorbitol solution, U.S.P., and 0.025 milliliters of vanillin.

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The same dosage forms can generally be used when the compounds of this invention are administered stepwise or in conjunction with another therapeutic agent. When drugs are administered in physical combination, the dosage form and administration route should be selected depending on the compatibility of the combined drugs. Thus the term coadministration is understood to include the administration of the two agents concomitantly or sequentially, or alternatively as a fixed dose combination of the two active components.



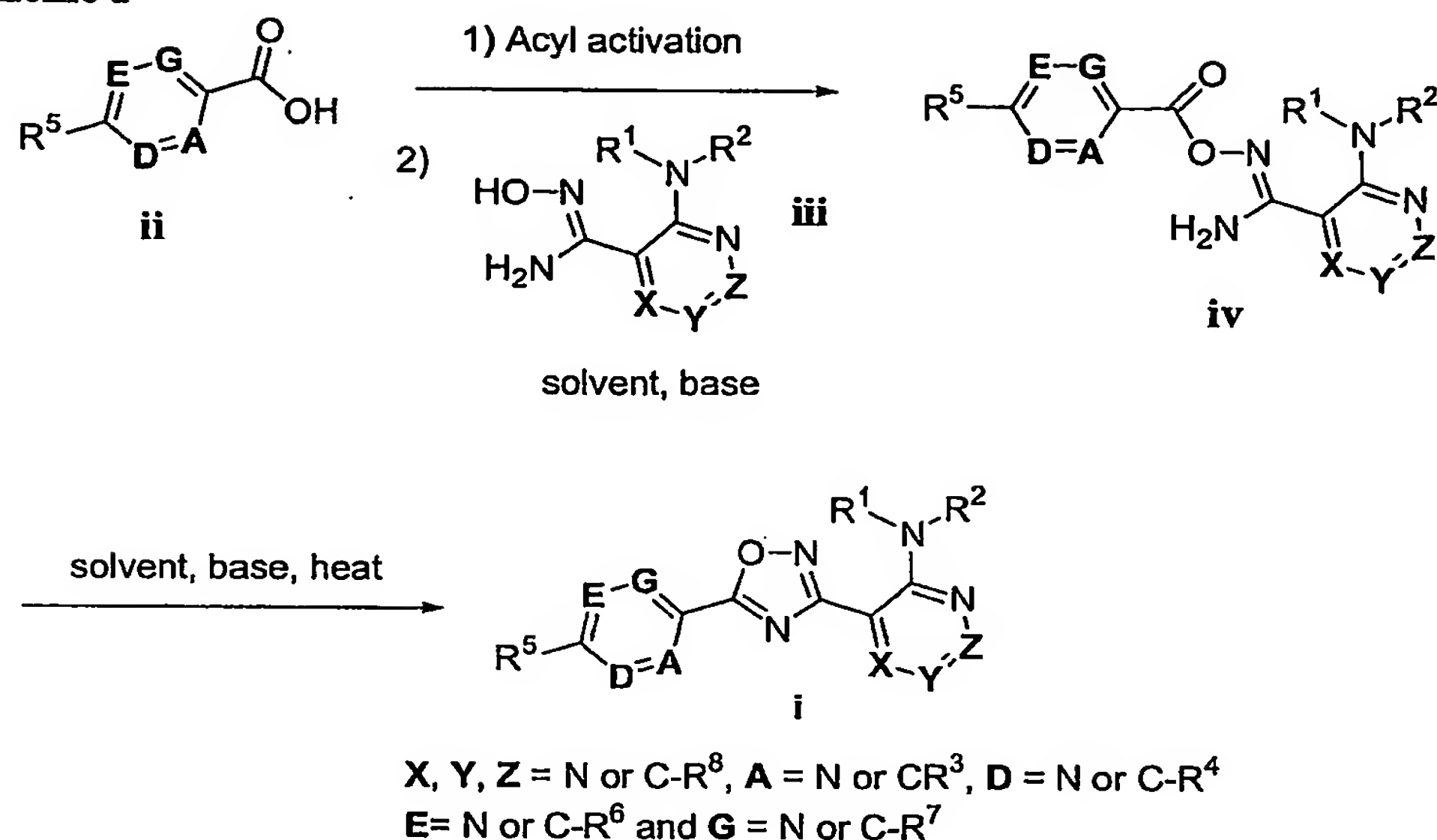
## METHODS OF SYNTHESIS

Methods for preparing the compounds of this invention are illustrated in the following examples. Alternative routes will be easily discernible to practitioners in the field.

A convenient method to prepare the compounds of the general structure i in the present invention is shown in Scheme 1. Carboxylic acid ii can be activated for acylation with a reagent such as N,N'-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide, 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide, 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole, or bis(2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)phosphinic chloride in the presence of a suitable base (if necessary) such as triethylamine, N,N-diisopropylethylamine, or sodium bicarbonate in a solvent such as 1,2-dichloroethane, toluene, xylenes, N,N-dimethylformamide or N-methyl pyrrolidinone. A 2-(amino)aryl N-hydroxyamidine of general structure iii can then be added which results in the formation of an acyl N-hydroxyamidine iv. This intermediate can be isolated using methods known to those skilled in the art (e.g., crystallization, silica gel chromatography, HPLC) and in a subsequent step, cyclized/dehydrated by warming iv in a suitable solvent (e.g., 1,2-dichloroethane, toluene, xylenes, N,N-dimethylformamide or N-methyl pyrrolidinone) to give a 1,2,4-oxadiazole of structure i. Conversion of iii to iv may require added base, in which case reagents such as pyridine, N,N-diisopropylethylamine or tetrabutylammonium fluoride can be used. It may be more convenient or desirable to not isolate N-hydroxyamidine iv, in which case the transformation of ii to i can be carried out as a continuous process.

It possible to use acylating agents other than activated carboxylic acid ii to give compounds i. Specifically, it might be advantageous or desirable to use a carboxylic acid chloride, carboxylic acid anhydride, carboxamide or carbonitrile in the place of carboxylic acid ii and an acyl activating agent to prepare 1,2,4-oxadiazole compounds i as described above. Methods to prepare 1,2,4-oxadiazoles using these other acylating agents as well as other methods pertinent to the present invention are known to those skilled in the art and have been reviewed in the literature (see, Clapp, L.B., "1,2,3- and 1,2,4-Oxadiazoles", pp. 366-91 in *Comprehensive Heterocyclic Chemistry*, Volume 6, Potts, K. T., Editor, Pergamon Press, 1984).

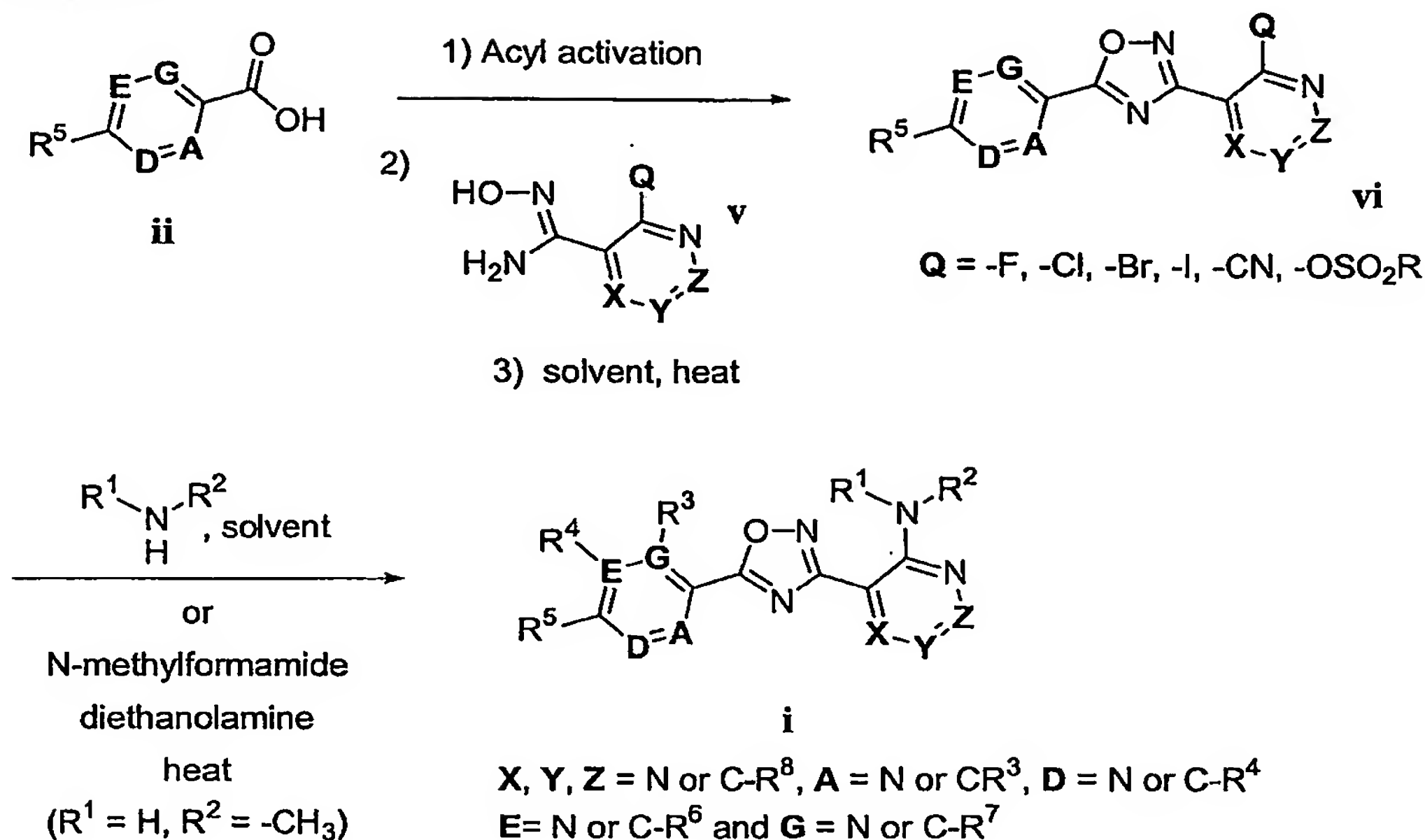
Scheme 1



- A second method that can be used to prepare the compounds of the general structure **i** in the present invention is shown in Scheme 2. Carboxylic acid **ii** is activated as described in Scheme 1 and used to acylate a 2-(substituted)aryl N-hydroxyamidine **v** in which the functional group X is a leaving group such as fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano, alkylsulfonyloxy or arylsulfonyloxy. Conversion to compound **iv** and ring closure to give **i** is effected using the methods described above.
- Displacement of the leaving group X is carried out by treating **vi** with ammonia, an alkylamine or a dialkylamine in a suitable solvent (e.g., methanol, ethanol, N,N-dimethylformamide, dimethylsulfoxide) at or above ambient temperature to give 1,2,4-oxadiazole **i**. Alternatively, as reported by Park and Cho in *Tetrahedron Letters*, 1997, 38, 8331-34, **vi** can be treated with N-methylformamide in the presence of diethanolamine at elevated temperature to give compounds **i**, where  $-\text{NR}_1\text{R}_2$  is  $-\text{NHCH}_3$ .



Scheme 2

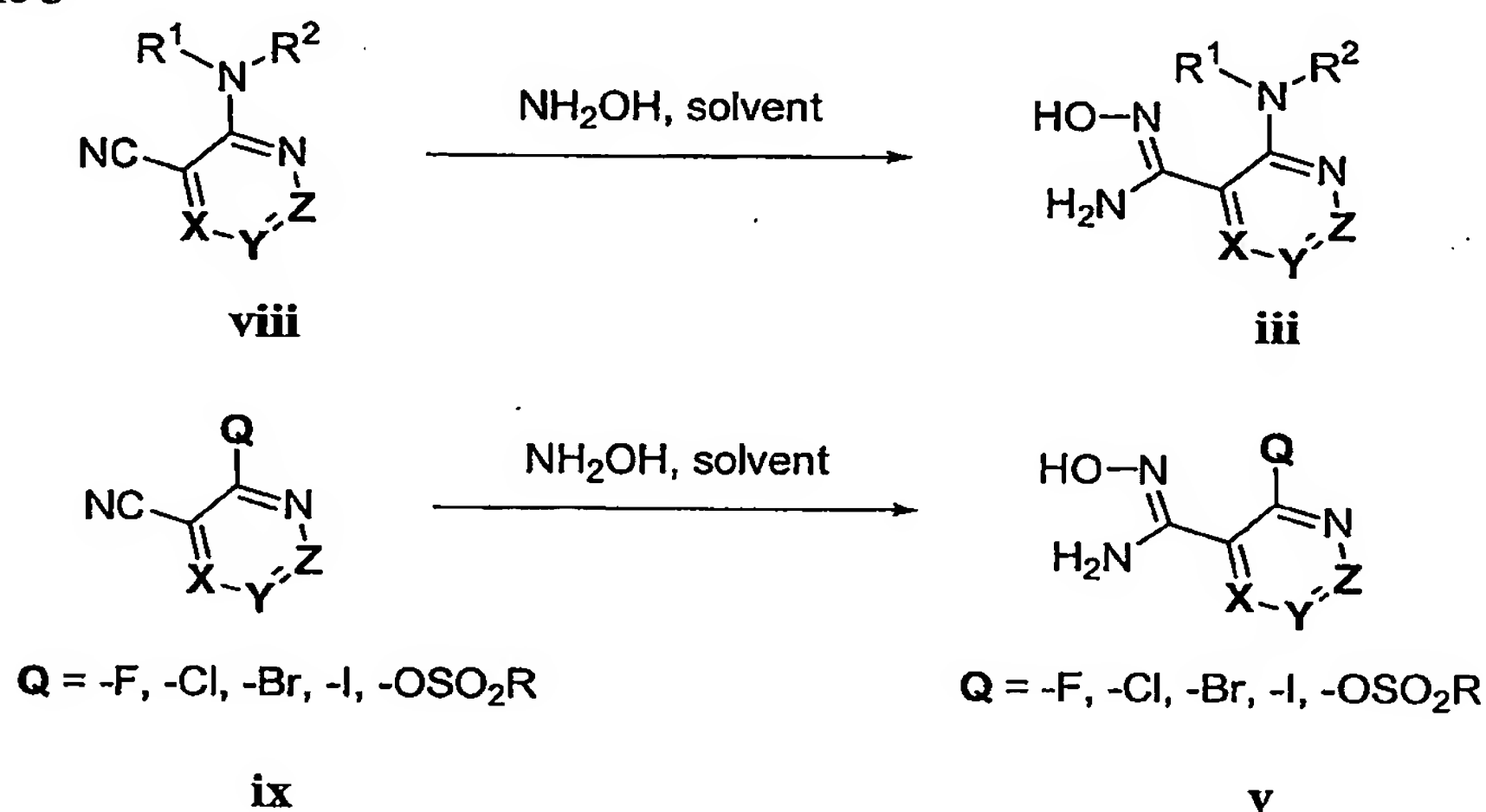


- 5 It is understood that the chemical structure(s) of groups  $\text{R}^3$ - $\text{R}^8$  can be manipulated in compounds i. Examples of this include (but are not limited to): 1) if one or more of  $\text{R}^3$ - $\text{R}^8$  is  $-\text{OH}$ , treatment of i with an alkyl halide or alkyl sulfonate ester in the presence of an appropriate base (e.g., N,N-diisopropylethylamine, triethylamine, pyridine, sodium carbonate) in a suitable solvent (methylene chloride, acetonitrile, toluene, N,N-dimethylformamide) at or above ambient temperature can give compounds i in which one or more of  $\text{R}^3$ - $\text{R}^8$  is alkoxy; 2) if one or more of  $\text{R}^3$ - $\text{R}^8$  is  $-\text{Cl}$ ,  $-\text{Br}$ ,  $-\text{I}$ , or  $-\text{OSO}_2\text{CF}_3$ , treatment of i with an aryl boronic acid and a suitable base (sodium hydroxide, potassium bicarbonate) in the presence of a palladium catalyst (e.g., tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) palladium or dichloropalladium bis(triphenylphosphine)) in a suitable solvent (e.g., ethanol, N,N-dimethylformamide, dioxane, toluene) at or above ambient temperature can give compounds i in which one or more of  $\text{R}^3$ - $\text{R}^8$  is aryl.

A convenient method to prepare the N-hydroxyamidine intermediates iii or v used to prepare the compounds of the present invention is shown in Scheme 3.

For either intermediate, the corresponding carbonitrile viii or ix is treated with hydroxylamine (from aqueous hydroxylamine solution or generated by treating hydroxylamine hydrochloride with a base such as triethylamine, N,N-diisopropylethylamine, or sodium bicarbonate) in an appropriate solvent (methanol, ethanol, water, N,N-dimethylformamide) at or above ambient temperature. Many of the carbonitriles viii or ix as well as carboxylic acids ii are available from commercial sources or can be prepared by those skilled in the art. using reported literature procedures.

10 **Scheme 3**



While the general structure i is achiral, it is understood that any of groups R<sup>1</sup>-R<sup>8</sup> may have asymmetric centers, in which case the individual stereoisomers of i can be obtained by methods known to those skilled in the art which include (but are not limited to): stereospecific synthesis, resolution of salts of i or any of the intermediates used in its preparation with enantiopure acids or bases, resolution of i or any of the intermediates used in its preparation by HPLC employing enantiopure stationary phases.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLES

Compounds of the invention are exemplified as follows:

GENERAL

- 5    Concentration of solutions was carried out on a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure. Conventional flash chromatography was carried out on silica gel (230-400 mesh). Flash chromatography was also carried out using a Biotage Flash Chromatography apparatus (Dyax Corp.) on silica gel (32-63  $\mu\text{m}$ , 60 Å pore size) in pre-packed cartridges of the size noted. NMR spectra were obtained in  $\text{CDCl}_3$
- 10   solution unless otherwise noted. Coupling constants (J) are in hertz (Hz). Abbreviations: diethyl ether (ether), triethylamine (TEA), N,N-diisopropylethylamine (DIEA) sat'd aqueous (sat'd), rt (rt), hour(s) (h), minute(s) (min).

HPLC Methods

- 15    HPLC A: YMC ODS A, 5 $\mu$ , 4.6 x 50 mm column, gradient 10:90-95:5 v/v  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}:\text{H}_2\text{O}$  + 0.05% TFA over 4.5 min, then hold at 95:5 v/v  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}:\text{H}_2\text{O}$  + 0.05% TFA for 1.5 min; 2.5 mL/min, diode array detection 200-400 nM
- 20    HPLC B: Analytical Sales & Service ARMOR C18 5 m 2 x 25 cm column, gradient 10:90-100:0 v/v  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}:\text{H}_2\text{O}$  + 0.05% TFA over 15 min, then hold at 100.0 v/v  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}:\text{H}_2\text{O}$  + 0.05% TFA for 10 min; 20 mL/min, diode array detection 200-400 nM

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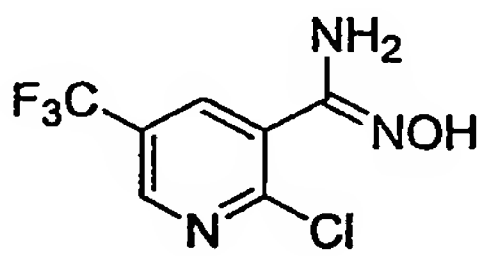
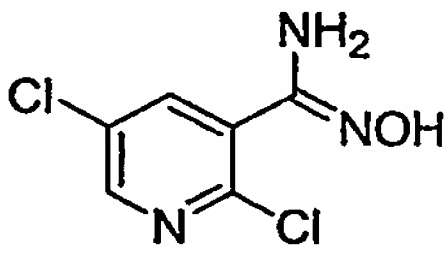
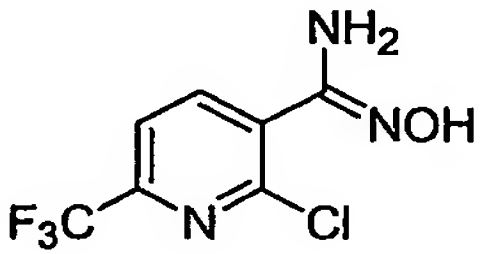
## PREPARATION OF N-HYDROXYAMIDINE INTERMEDIATES

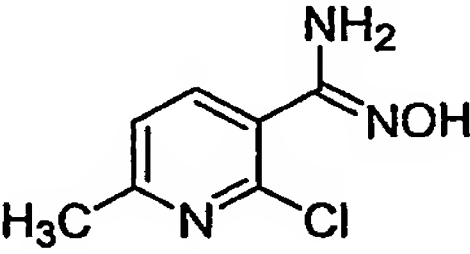
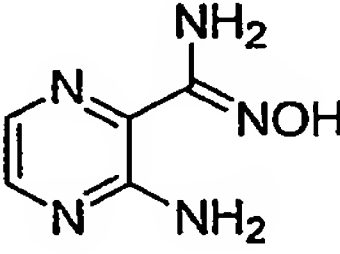
N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 12-Chloro-N-hydroxy-nicotinamide

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hydroxylamine hydrochloride (3.73 g, 54 mmol) and sodium bicarbonate (9.10 g, 108  
mmol) were stirred together in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (250 ml) at 50°C for 16 h. The reaction was  
cooled, filtered, washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the filtrate concentrated to give a yellow  
solid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 8.43 (dd, J=1.9, 7.6, 1H), 7.88 (dd, J=1.9, 7.6  
10 ,1H), 7.44 (dd, J=4.5, 7.5, 1H).

N-HYDROXYAMIDINES 2-6

The following N-HYDROXYAMIDINE intermediates were prepared  
using a procedure analogous to that described for N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1  
15 substituting the appropriate nitrile for 2-chloro-3-pyridine-carbonitrile.

| N-HYDROXYAMIDINE | Structure   | ESI-MS (M+H) |
|------------------|---|--------------|
| 2                |  | 239.8        |
| 3                |  | 206.0        |
| 4                |  | 240.0        |

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| 5 |  | 186.0 |
| 6 |  | 154.1 |

N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 72-(N-Methylamino)-N-hydroxy-nicotinamidine

- 5 A mixture of 10 g (72 mmol) 2-chloro-3-pyridine-carbonitrile, 40 mL of 40% methylamine in H<sub>2</sub>O and 20 mL of iPrOH was stirred at 55 °C for 1.5 h. Aqueous hydroxylamine (6.0 mL, 50 wt. % in H<sub>2</sub>O) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at 55 °C for 1 h. The solution was cooled to rt. The solid that precipitated was filtered, washed with 50 mL of cold (0 °C) 1:1 v/v iPrOH/ H<sub>2</sub>O and
- 10 dried to afford 7.52 g of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 9.88 (br s, 1H), 8.11 (q, J=4.5, 1H), 8.02 (dd, J=1.5, 5.0, 1H), 7.75 (dd, J=1.5, 7.5, 1H), 6.54 (dd, J=5.0, 7.5, 1H), 5.90 (s, 2H), 2.89 (d, J=4.5, 3H); ESI-MS 167 (M+H).

N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 82-(Amino)-N-hydroxy-nicotinamidine

- 15 A solution of 2-amino-3-pyridine-carbonitrile (0.50 g, 4.2 mmol) and hydroxylamine (0.42 g, 50% in H<sub>2</sub>O) in 10 mL of MeOH was stirred at 50°C for 16 h. The reaction was cooled and concentrated. Chromatography on a Biotage 40S cartridge using EtOAc as the eluant afforded 0.50 g of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR
- 20 (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 7.91 (dd, J=1.8, 5.0, 1H), 7.76 (dd, J=1.9, 7.8, 1H), 6.66 (dd, J=5.2, 7.7, 1H).

N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 93-(N-Methylamino)-pyrazine-2-(N-hydroxyamidine)

## Step A: 2-(N-Methylamino)-3-cyanopyrazine

5 A solution of 3.0 mL of 40% aqueous methyl amine and 3.8 mL (27 mmol) of TEA in 20 mL of THF was added dropwise to a solution of 1.35 g (10.4 mmol) of pyrazine-2,3-dicarbonitrile in 25 mL of THF over 45 min. The resulting mixture was stirred for 15 min, then concentrated. The residue was partitioned between 100 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and 50 mL of 1 N HCl. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with 100 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic extracts were  
10 combined, dried and concentrated. Chromatography on a Biotage 40S cartridge using 9:1 v/v hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant afforded 446 mg of the title compound: ESI-MS 135 (M+H); HPLC A: 3.03 min.

## Step B: 3-(N-Methylamino)-pyrazine-2-(N-hydroxyamidine)

15 A mixture of 446 mg (3.3 mmol) of 3-(N-methylamino)-pyrazine-2-(N-hydroxyamidine) (from Step A), 486 mg (7 mmol) of hydroxylamine hydrochloride and 1.2 mL (7 mmol) of DIEA in 15 mL of EtOH was heated at reflux for 30 min. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C. The solid that precipitated was filtered, rinsed with cold EtOH and dried to afford 340 mg of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO) δ 10.2 (s, 1H), 8.36 (q, J= 4.5, 1H), 8.07 (d, J= 2.5, 1H), 7.77 (d, J= 2.5, 1H),  
20 5.97 (s, 2H), 2.93 (d, J = 4.5, 3H); ESI-MS 135 (M+H).

N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 102-(N-Methylamino)-5-fluoro-N-hydroxynicotinamidine

## 25 Step A: 2,6-Dichloro-5-fluoronicotinamide

To a mixture of 2,6-dichloro-5-fluoronicotinamide (5.50 g, 26.2 mmol) in dichloromethane (50 mL) and dimethylformamide (2 drops) cooled to 0 °C, oxalyl chloride (6.72 mL, 78.6 mmol) was added dropwise, and the cooling bath was removed. After 2 hr, the reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo*, and the residue  
30 azeotroped with toluene (1 X 10 mL). The resultant brown residue was dissolved in dioxane (50 mL) and concentrated NH<sub>4</sub>OH was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h, concentrated *in vacuo* and triturated from 50%Et<sub>2</sub>O/*i*-PrOH (30 mL) at 0 °C to give 5.48 g of the title compound as a beige

solid:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  6.27 (br, 1 H), 6.78 (br, 1 H), 8.11 (d, 1H,  $J = 7.3$  Hz).

Step B: 2-Chloro-5-fluoronicotinamide

5 Under a  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere, 2,6-dichloro-5-fluoronicotinamide (500 mg, 2.39 mmol), potassium acetate (258 mg, 2.63 mmol), and  $\text{PtO}_2$  (25 mg) were combined. EtOAc (2.5 mL) and  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (2.5 mL) were then added, followed by one atmosphere of hydrogen via balloon. After 26 hr, the reaction mixture was filtered through Celite<sup>®</sup>, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was treated with EtOAc (10  
10 mL), filtered, and the filtrate concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification of the residue by flash chromatography (1, 2%  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) on  $\text{SiO}_2$  afforded 130 mg of the title compound as a white solid:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  7.79 (dd, 1H,  $J = 2.8, 7.7$  Hz), 8.37 (d, 1H,  $J = 2.8$  Hz).

15 Step C: 2-Chloro-5-fluoropyridine-3-carbonitrile

To a mixture of 2-chloro-5-fluoronicotinamide (880 mg, 5.04 mmol), triethylamine (1.55 mL, 11.1 mmol) and dichloromethane (15 mL) cooled to 0 °C, trifluoroacetic anhydride (783  $\mu\text{L}$ , 5.55 mmol) was added dropwise. The resultant yellow solution was stirred for 1 hr at 0 °C, diluted with dichloromethane (5 mL) and  
20 washed with saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (2 X 10 mL), brine (1 X 10 mL) and dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ . The mixture was filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by flash chromatography (5, 10% EtOAc/hexanes) on  $\text{SiO}_2$  to afford 770 mg of the title compound as a white solid:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.77 (dd, 1 H  $J = 3.0, 6.9$  Hz), 8.49 (d, 1 H  $J = 3.0$  Hz);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  111.3, 113.3, 129.4 ( $J =$   
25 21.1 Hz), 141.5, ( $J = 26.9$  Hz), 147.6, 157.2 ( $J = 260$  Hz).

Step D: 5-Fluoro-2-methylaminopyridine-3-carbonitrile

In a sealed tube, 2-chloro-5-fluoropyridine-3-carbonitrile (59 mg, 0.377 mmol) was dissolved in dioxane (1.5 mL). A 2.0 M solution of methylamine in THF  
30 (283  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.565 mmol) was added, the tube was sealed and heated to 60 °C. After 3 hr, additional methylamine in THF (283  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.565 mmol) was added, and the reaction mixture was heated for 16 hr. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient



temperature, concentrated *in vacuo*, and purified by flash chromatography (5, 7, 10% EtOAc/hexanes) on SiO<sub>2</sub> to afford 21 mg of the title compound as a white film: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 2.93, (s, 3 H), 7.68 (dd, 1 H *J* = 3.0, 7.9 Hz), 8.19 (d, 1 H *J* = 3.0, Hz); HPLC/MS (HPLC A): 152 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 1.97 min.

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Step E: 2-(N-Methylamino)-5-fluoro-N-hydroxynicotinamidinium

To a solution of 5-fluoro-2-methylaminopyridine-3-carbonitrile in absolute ethanol (1 mL) and triethylamine (28 μL, 0.198 mmol), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (12 mg, 0.172 mmol) was added and the mixture was heated to reflux.

10 After 6 hr, the reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash chromatography (10, 20, 40 % EtOAc/hexanes) on SiO<sub>2</sub> to afford 8.0 mg of the title compound as a white film: HPLC/MS (HPLC A): 152 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 0.33 min.

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#### N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 11

##### 2-Amino-5-fluoro-N-hydroxynicotinamidinium

Step A: 2-Amino-5-fluoropyridine-3-carbonitrile

In a sealed tube, concentrated ammonia (0.6 mL) was added to a solution of 2-chloro-5-fluoropyridine-3-carbonitrile (100 mg, 0.639 mmol, from N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 10, Step C) in dioxane (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was heated to 110 °C. After 5 hr, the reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue purified by flash chromatography (10, 20, 30, 50% EtOAc/hexanes) to afford 31 mg of the title compound as a white film (35%): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 5.16 (br, 2 H), 7.45 (dd, 1 H, *J* = 2.4, 7.6 Hz), 8.15 (d, 1 H, *J* = 2.1 Hz).

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Step B: 2-Amino-5-fluoro-N-hydroxynicotinamidinium

To a solution of 2-amino-5-fluoropyridine-3-carbonitrile (38 mg, 0.277 mmol) in ethanol (2 mL) and triethylamine (58 μL, 0.416 mmol), hydroxylamine hydrochloride (23 mg, 0.333 mmol) was added and the mixture was heated to reflux. After 6 hr, the reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash chromatography (30, 50 % EtOAc/hexanes) on SiO<sub>2</sub> to

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afford 35 mg of the title compound as a white film (74%): HPLC/MS (HPLC A): 171 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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## PREPARATION OF CARBOXYLIC ACID INTERMEDIATES

CARBOXYLIC ACID 13-Fluoro-4-cyclopentyl-benzoic acid

A solution of 0.45 g (1.45 mmol) of benzyl 3-fluoro-4-bromo-benzoate  
10 (0.45 g, 1.45 mmol) in 4.4 mL of 0.5 M cyclopentylzinc bromide solution in THF)  
was treated with ~5 mg of bis(tri-*t*-butylphosphine)palladium(0) and the resulting  
mixture was stirred at rt for 24 h. The reaction mixture was directly purified on a  
Biotage 40S cartridge using 1:1 hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant. A mixture of the  
resulting solid (0.27 g, 0.91 mmol) and 10% Pd/C in 5 mL of MeOH was stirred under  
15 1 atm of H<sub>2</sub> for 3 h. The reaction was filtered and concentrated. Purification by  
HPLC B afforded the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.83 (dd,  
J=1.6, 8.0, 1H), 7.72 (dd, J=1.6, 10.5, 1H), 7.36 (t, J=7.7, 1H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 2.05-  
2.14 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.90 (m, 6H).

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CARBOXYLIC ACID 2(+/-)-4-(1-Oxo-2-methylbutyl)benzoic acid

Step A: (+/-)-Ethyl 4-(1-oxo-2-methylbutyl)benzoate

A solution of 0.58 g (4.5 mmol) of (+/-)-2-methylbutyryl chloride in 10  
mL of 0.5 M 4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenylzinc iodide solution in THF) was treated with  
25 ~5 mg of bis(tri-*t*-butylphosphine)palladium(0) and the resulting mixture was stirred  
at rt for 1 h. The reaction mixture was partitioned between 50 mL of EtOAc ethyl  
acetate and 25 mL of 2 N HCl and the layers were separated. The organic layer was  
washed with 25 mL of sat'd NaCl, dried and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography  
using 15:1 v/v hexanes/ethyl acetate (15:1) as the eluant afforded the title compound:  
30 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.12 (d, J= 8.4, 2H), 7.98 (d, J= 8.5, 2H), 4.40 (q, J=  
7.2, 2H), 3.40 (m, 1H), 1.83 (m, 1H), 1.51 (m, 1H), 1.41 (t, J= 7.2, 3H), 1.20 (d, J=  
6.8 3H), 0.91 (t, J= 7.5 3H).

## Step B: (+/-)-4-(1-Oxo-2-methylbutyl)benzoic acid

A solution of 0.57 g (2.4 mmol) of (+/-)-ethyl 4-(1-oxo-2-methylbutyl)benzoate (from Step A) in 10 mL of MeOH, 3 mL of THF and 2.4 mL of 5 N NaOH was stirred at rt for 16 h. The mixture was diluted with 20 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O and  
5 extracted with 25 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The aqueous layer was acidified (pH 1) and extracted with 50 mL of EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with 25 mL of sat'd NaCl, dried and concentrated to give 0.41 g of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.21 (d, J= 8.4, 2H), 8.03 (d, J= 8.5, 2H), 3.41 (m, 1H), 1.85 (m, 1H), 1.52 (m, 1H), 1.21 (d, J= 6.9, 3H), 0.93 (t, J= 7.5, 3H).

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CARBOXYLIC ACID 34-(1-Oxo-2-methylpropyl)benzoic acid

The title compound was prepared using procedure analogous to that described for CARBOXYLIC ACID 2 substituting isobutyryl chloride for (+/-)-2-methylbutyryl chloride in Step A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.21 (d, J= 8.5,  
15 2H), 8.03 (d, J= 8.5, 2H), 3.57 (m, 1H), 1.24 (d, J= 6.9, 6H).

CARBOXYLIC ACID 44-(Cyclobutyldifluoromethyl)benzoic acid

20 Step A: Ethyl 4-(cyclobutylcarbonyl)benzoate

The title compound was prepared using procedure analogous to that described for CARBOXYLIC ACID 2, substituting cyclobutanecarbonyl chloride for (+/-)-2-methylbutyryl chloride in Step A: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.10 (d, J= 8.2, 2H), 7.93 (d, J= 8.5, 2H), 4.40 (q, J= 7.2, 2H), 4.01 (m, 1H), 2.37-2.46 (m, 2H),  
25 2.28-2.36 (m, 2H), 2.04-2.15 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.97 (m, 1H), 1.41 (t, J= 7.1, 3H).

## Step B: Ethyl 4-(cyclobutyldifluoromethyl)benzoate

A solution of 810 mg (3.5 mmol) of ethyl 4-(cyclobutylcarbonyl)benzoic acid (from Step A) in 5 mL of toluene was treated with  
30 1.30 g (5.9 mmol) of [bis(2-methoxyethyl)amino]sulfur trifluoride and 0.41 mL (0.7 mmol) of EtOH and the resulting mixture was heated to 80°C for 18 h. The reaction was concentrated. Silica gel chromatography using 20:1 v/v hexanes/EtOAc afforded the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.07 (d, J= 8.2, 2H), 7.51 (d, J=

8.5 , 2H), 4.39 (q, J= 7.2 , 2H), 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.15-2.27 (m, 2H), 1.80-1.99 (m, 4H), 1.40 (t, J= 7.1 , 3H).

Step C: 4-(Cyclobutyldifluoromethyl)benzoic acid

5 A solution of 360 mg (1.4 mmol) of ethyl 4-(cyclobutyldifluoromethyl)benzoate (from Step B) in 4 mL of 1:1 v/v MeOH/THF was treated with 2.1 mL of 1.0 N NaOH. The resulting mixture was stirred at 50°C for 3 h at, then cooled and concentrated. The residue was partitioned between EtOAc and 2 N HCl. The organic layer was washed with 2 N HCl (25 ml), 25 mL of sat'd  
10 NaCl, dried and concentrated to give 280 mg of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz , CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.15 (d, J= 8.5 , 2H), 7.56 (d, J= 8.4 , 2H), 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.17-2.27 (m, 2H), 1.80-2.02 (m, 4H).

CARBOXYLIC ACID 5

15 4-(1,1-Difluoro-2-methylpropyl)benzoic acid

The title compound was prepared using procedure analogous to that described for CARBOXYLIC ACID 4 substituting ethyl 4-(isopropylcarbonyl)benzoate for ethyl 4-(cyclobutylcarbonyl)benzoate in Step B: <sup>1</sup>H  
NMR (500 MHz , CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.17 (d, J= 8.3 , 2H), 7.56 (d, J= 8.4 , 2H), 2.34 (m, 1H),  
20 1.00 (d, J= 6.8 , 6H).

CARBOXYLIC ACID 6

3-Fluoro-4-(2-methylpropionyl)benzoic acid

Step A: 1-Bromo-3-fluoro-4-(2'-methyl)propiophenone

25 A solution of 1.00 g (3.8 mmol) of N-methoxy-N-methyl (4-bromo-2-fluoro)benzamide in 10 mL of THF at -78 °C was treated with 2.3 mL of 2.0 M isopropylmagnesium chloride solution in THF. The reaction was allowed to warm to rt and was stirred for 3 h. The reaction was diluted with 50 mL of ethyl ether, washed with 25 mL of 2 N HCl, 25 mL of sat'd NaCl, dried and concentrated. Silica gel  
30 chromatography using 50:1 hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant gave 143 mg of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz , CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.67 (t, J= 8.2 , 1H), 7.38 (dd, J= 1.8, 8.4 , 1H), 7.33 (dd, J= 1.6, 10.3, 1H), 3.35 (m, 1H), 1.19 (d, J= 6.9 , 6H).

## Step B: 3-Fluoro-4-isobutyrylbenzoic acid

A solution of 143 mg (0.58 mmol) of 1-bromo-3-fluoro-4-(2'-methyl) propiophenone (from Step A), 41 mg (0.35 mmol) of zinc cyanide, 11 mg (0.011 mmol) of tris(dibenzylideneacetone)-dipalladium(0) and 15 mg (0.026 mmol) of 1,1-bis(diphenylphosphino)-ferrocene (15 mg, 0.026 mmol) in 2 mL of DMF and 0.030 mL water was heated to 85°C for 3 h. The reaction was cooled, loaded onto silica gel and eluted with hexane/ethyl acetate (20:1) to give the product as a yellow solid (36 mg). A solution of this solid in methanol (2 mL) was treated with excess 5 N NaOH and heated at 60°C for 3 h. The reaction was cooled, diluted with 50 mL of EtOAc, washed with 25 mL of 2 N HCl, dried and concentrated to give the title compound.

CARBOXYLIC ACID 73-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2-(S)-butoxy)benzoic acid

## Step A: 3-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2-(S)-butoxy)benzonitrile

A solution of 1.1 g (5.9 mmol) of 4-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylbenzonitrile and 485 mg (6.5 mmol) of (S)-(+)-2-butanol in 10 mL of THF at -10°C was treated with 235 mg (5.9 mmol) of sodium hydride. The resulting mixture was stirred cold for 2 h, then quenched with 10 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O. The quenched solution was extracted with 30 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. Chromatography on a Biotage 40M cartridge using 4:1 v/v hexanes/Ethyl acetate as the eluant afforded 550 mg of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) δ 0.99 (t, J= 7.6, 3H), 1.35 (d, J= 6.2, 3H), 1.58-1.83 (m, 2H), 4.51 (septet, 1H), 7.04 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 7.75 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 7.85 (s, 1H).

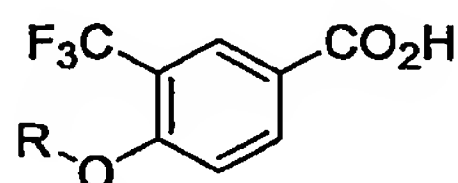
## Step B: 3-Trifluoromethyl-4-(2-(S)-butoxy)benzoic acid

A solution of 550 mg (2.2 mmol) of 3-trifluoromethyl-4-(2-(S)-methylpropyloxy) benzonitrile (from Step A) in 5 mL of ethanol was treated with 1.5 mL of 5.0 N NaOH and was heated to 80°C for 3 h. The reaction was then concentrated, treated with 2 N HCl, extracted with 30 mL of EtOAc, dried and concentrated to afford 600 mg of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz) δ 0.99 (t, J= 7.3, 3H), 1.43 (d, J= 5.9, 3H), 1.73-1.83 (m, 2H), 4.54 (septet, 1H), 7.02 (d, J= 8.9, 1H), 8.21 (d, J= 8.9, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H).


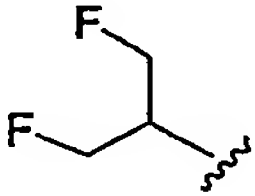
CARBOXYLIC ACIDS 8-14

The following intermediates were prepared using procedures analogs to those described for CARBOXYLIC ACID 7 substituting the appropriate alcohol for (S)-2-butanol in Step A.

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| CARBOXYLIC ACID | R | <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ  |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 8               |   | 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, J= 8.9 , 1H), 7.07 (d, J= 8.4 , 1H), 4.52-4.62 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.89 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.40 (d, J= 6.0 , 3H), 1.04 (t, J= 7.4 , 3H) |
| 9               |   | 8.42 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, J= 8.5 , 1H), 7.09 (d, J= 8.5 , 1H), 4.52-4.60 (m, 2H)   |
| 10              |   | 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, J= 8.5 , 1H), 7.13 (d, J= 8.5 , 1H), 5.05-5.15 (m, 1H), 1.63 (d, J= 5.9 , 3H)  |
| 11              |   | 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d, J= 8.7 , 1H), 7.08 (d, J= 8.7 , 1H), 4.75-4.82 (m, 1H), 1.44 (d, J= 5.9 , 6H)  |
| 12              |   | 8.41 (d, J= 2.1 , 1H), 8.31 (dd, J= 2.1, 6.6 , 1H), 7.14 (d, J= 8.7 , 1H), 4.89-4.96 (m, 1H), 1.63 (d, J= 6.4 , 3H)   |

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|----|--|---|
| 13 |   | 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.24 (d, J= 8.4 , 1H), 6.92 (d, J= 8.7 , 1H), 4.80-4.89 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.59 (m, 2H), 2.25-2.35 (m, 2H), 1.93-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.72-1.85 (m, 1H) |
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CARBOXYLIC ACID 153-Trifluoromethyl-4-(1-(S)-methyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzoic acid

Step A: 1-(S)-Methyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethanol

5                   The title compound was prepared using the procedure reported by Ramachandran, P. V., et.al. in *Tetrahedron*, 1993, 49(9), 1725-38.

Step B: 3-Trifluoromethyl-4-(1-(S)-methyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzoic acid

10                   The title compound was prepared using procedures analogous to those described for CARBOXYLIC ACID 7 substituting 1-(S)-methyl-2,2,2-trifluoroethanol (from Step A) for (S)-2-butanol in CARBOXYLIC ACID 7, Step A. The enantiomeric purity of the title compound was determined by converting it to the corresponding methyl ester (excess 2.0 M trimethylsilyldiazomethane solution in cyclohexane, THF/MeOH, 5 min) and assaying by HPLC. Conditions: Chiralcel OD 15 4.6 x 250 mm column, 98:2 v/v heptane/iPrOH, 1.0 mL/min,  $\lambda$  = 254 nm. (R)-enantiomer = 8.5 min, (S)-enantiomer = 10.4 min.

CARBOXYLIC ACID 163-Fluoro-4-(2-(S)-butoxy)benzoic acid

20   Step A: 3-Fluoro-4-(2-(S)-butoxy)benzaldehyde

A solution of 750 mg (5.4 mmol) of 3-fluoro-4-hydroxybenzaldehyde, 403 mg (5.4 mmol) of (R)-(-)-2-butanol and 2 g (7.5 mmol) triphenylphosphine in 10 mL of THF was treated with 1.5 mL of diisopropylazodicarboxylate. The resulting

## Step C: 3,5-Difluoro-4-(2-(S)-butoxy)benzoic acid

The title compound was prepared using procedure analogous to that described in CARBOXYLIC ACID 7, Step B substituting 3,5-difluoro-4-(2-(S)-butoxy)benzonitrile (from Step B) for 3-trifluoromethyl-4-(2-(S)-methylpropyloxy) benzonitrile: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 Mhz) δ 1.0 (t, J= 7.3, 3H), 1.32 (d, J= 5.9, 3H), 1.68 (m, 1H), 1.79 (m, 1H), 4.45 (m, 1H), 7.65 (d, J= 8.3, 2H).

CARBOXYLIC ACID 184-(2-(S)-Butoxy)benzoic acid

## 10 Step A: Methyl 4-(2-(S)-butoxy)benzoate

The title compound was prepared using procedure analogous to that described in CARBOXYLIC ACID 16, Step A substituting methyl 4-hydroxybenzoate for 3-fluoro-4-hydroxybenzaldehyde.

## 15 Step B: 4-(2-(S)-Butoxy)benzoic acid

A solution of 1.0 g (4.8 mmol) of methyl 4-(2-(S)-butoxy)benzoate in 15 mL of MeOH was treated with 1 mL of 5.0 N NaOH at rt for 1 h. The solution was concentrated, acidified with 6 mL of 2 N HCl, extracted with EtOAc, dried and concentrated to afford 800 mg (86%) of the title compound.

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CARBOXYLIC ACID 194-(2-(S)-Butoxy-2-fluoro-benzoic acid

## Step A: 4-(2-(S)-Butoxy-2-fluoro-benzonitrile

The title compound was prepared using a procedure analogous to that described in CARBOXYLIC ACID 16, Step A substituting 2-fluoro-4-hydroxy-benzonitrile for 3-fluoro-4-hydroxybenzaldehyde.

## 30 Step B: 4-(2-(S)-Butoxy-2-fluoro-benzoic acid

A mixture of 770 mg (4.0 mmol) of 4-(2-(S)-butoxy-2-fluoro-benzonitrile (from Step A) 20 mL of EtOH and 8 mL of 5 N NaOH (8 ml) was stirred at 80°C for 20 hours. The solution was concentrated, acidified with 2 N HCl,



extracted with EtOAc, dried and concentrated to yield 0.57 g of the title compound:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Mhz)  $\delta$  7.99 (t,  $J$ = 8.8 , 1H), 6.75 (dd,  $J$ = 2.0, 6.9 , 1H), 6.66 (dd,  $J$ = 2.1, 11.0 , 1H), 4.38-4.44 (m, 2H), 1.75-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.65-1.75 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d,  $J$ = 6.0 , 3H), 1.02 (t,  $J$ = 7.4 , 3H).

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### CARBOXYLIC ACID 20

#### 3,5-Difluoro-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzoic acid

Step A: 5-Bromo-1,3-difluoro-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzene

A mixture of 1.25 g (6 mmol) of 4-bromo-2,6-difluorophenol and 3.93 g (12 mmol) of cesium carbonate in 10 mL of acetonitrile was treated with 1.4 g (6 mmol) of 2,2,2-trifluoroethyltrifluoromethanesulfonate and stirred at rt for 2 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with EtOAc and washed with 2 N HCl. The organic layer was dried and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography using 9:1 hexanes/EtOAc as the eluent afforded 230 mg of the title compound:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Mhz)  $\delta$  7.16 (d,  $J$ = 7.3 , 2H), 4.41-4.50 (m, 2H).

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Step B: 3,5-Difluoro-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzonitrile

A mixture of 230 mg (1.8 mmol) of 5-bromo-1,3-difluoro-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzene (from Step A), 63 mg (1.1 mmol) of zinc cyanide, 41 mg (0.09 mmol) of tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0) and 60 mg (0.21 mmol) of 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosino)ferrocene in 1.5 mL DMF and 15  $\mu\text{L}$  water was heated at 95  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 2 h. The reaction mixture was cooled and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography using 9:1 hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant afforded 50 mg of the title compound.

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Step C: 3,5-Difluoro-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzoic acid

The title compound was prepared using a procedure analogous to that described in CARBOXYLIC ACID 7, Step B substituting 3,5-difluoro-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy) benzonitrile for 3-trifluoromethyl-4-(2-(S)-methylpropyloxy) benzonitrile:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 Mhz)  $\delta$  7.71 (d,  $J$ = 8.1 , 2H), 4.58-4.64 (m, 2H).

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CARBOXYLIC ACID 215-(2-Methyl-1-oxopropyl)pyridine-2-carboxylic acid

## Step A: (+/-)-5-(2-Methyl-1-hydroxypropyl)-2-bromopyridine

A solution of 1.00 g (4.4 mmol) of 2,5-dibromopyridine in 10 mL of THF at 0 °C was treated with 2.5 mL of 2 M isopropylmagnesium chloride solution in THF and the resulting mixture was stirred cold for 1 h. The mixture was treated with 0.46 mL (5.1 mmol) of isobutyraldehyde, warmed to rt and stirred for 16 h. The mixture was partitioned between 50 mL of EtOAc and 50 mL of water and the layers were separated. The organic layer was washed with 25 mL of sat'd NaCl, dried and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography using 3:1 v/v hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant gave 290 mg of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29 (d, J= 2.3, 1H), 7.55 (dd, J= 2.3, 8.0, 1H), 7.47 (d, J= 8.3, 1H), 4.45 (d, J= 6.7, 1H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, J= 6.6, 3H), 0.85 (d, J= 6.9, 3H).

## Step B: 5-(2-Methyl-1-oxopropyl)-2-bromopyridine

A mixture of 290 mg (1.25 mmol) of 5-(2-methyl-1-hydroxypropyl)-2-bromopyridine (from Step A) and 220 mg (1.9 mmol) of N-methylmorpholine-N-oxide in 5 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was treated with 20 mg of tetrapropylammonium perruthenate. The mixture was stirred at rt for 3 h. Silica gel chromatography of the reaction mixture using 10:1 v/v hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant and afforded 230 mg of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.29 (d, J= 2.5, 1H), 8.07 (dd, J= 2.6, 8.3, 1H), 7.61 (d, J= 8.5, 1H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, J= 6.8, 6H).

## Step C: 5-(2-Methyl-1-oxopropyl)pyridine-2-carbonitrile

A solution of 300 mg (1.3 mmol) of 5-(2-methyl-1-oxopropyl)-2-bromopyridine (from Step B), zinc cyanide (0.093 g, 0.789 mmol), tris(dibenzylideneacetone)-dipalladium(0) (24 mg, 0.026 mmol) and 1,1-bis(diphenylphosphino)-ferrocene (33 mg, 0.059 mmol) in 2 mL of DMF and 0.03 mL of water was heated at 80 °C for 2.5 h. The reaction was cooled, loaded onto silica gel and eluted with 5:1 v/v hexanes/EtOAc to give 224 mg of the product: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 9.21 (d, J= 1.8, 1H), 8.34 (dd, J= 2.3, 8.0, 1H), 7.83 (d, J= 8.0, 1H), 3.50 (m, 1H), 1.25 (d, J= 6.8, 6H).

## Step D: 5-(2-Methyl-1-oxopropyl)pyridine-2-carboxylic acid

A solution of 125 mg (0.7 mmol) of 5-(2-methyl-1-oxopropyl)pyridine-2-carbonitrile (from Step C) and 0.7 mL of 5.0 N NaOH in 2.5 mL of EtOH was stirred at 75 °C for 1 h. The reaction was cooled, diluted with 50 mL of EtOAc, washed with 20 mL of 2 N HCl, 25 mL of sat'd NaCl, dried and concentrated to give 108 mg of the title compound.

CARBOXYLIC ACID 225-(1,1-Difluoro-2-methylpropyl)pyridine-2-carboxylic acid

The title compound was prepared from 5-(2-methyl-1-oxopropyl)pyridine-2-carbonitrile (from CARBOXYLIC ACID 21, Step C) using procedures analogous to those described in CARBOXYLIC ACID 4, Steps B and C: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.71 (s, 1H), 8.30 (d, J= 8.0, 1H), 8.01 (dd, J= 2.1, 8.3, 1H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 1.04 (d, J= 6.9, 6H); ESI-MS 216.7 (M+H).

CARBOXYLIC ACID 23(S)-4-(3,3-Difluorocyclopentyl) benzoic acid

## Step A: (S)-3-(4-Bromophenyl)cyclopentanone

To a mixture of 7.2 g (35.8 mmol) of 4-bromophenylboronic acid, 186 mg (0.72 mmol) of acetylacetonatobis(ethylene)rhodium (I) and 446 mg (0.71 mmol) of (S)-2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl (BINAP) in 60 mL of dioxane and 6 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O under nitrogen was added 1.0 mL (11.9 mmol) of 2-cyclopenten-1-one. After refluxing for 5.5 h, the reaction was concentrated. The residue was partitioned between 300 mL of EtOAc and 300 mL of 1 N NaHCO<sub>3</sub>. After separating phases, the organic layer was washed with 300 mL of brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified on a 40M Biotage column using 9:1 v/v hexane/EtOAc as the eluant to afford 1.90 g of the title compound as a white solid: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz) δ 1.97 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.37 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.52 (m, 2H), 2.69 (m, 1H), 3.40 (m, 1H), 7.16 (d, J = 8.5, 2H), 7.49 (d, J = 8.5, 2H).

## Step B: (S)-3-(4-Bromophenyl)-1,1-difluorocyclopentane

A mixture of 2.1 mL (11.4 mmol) of [bis(2-methoxyethyl)amino]sulfur trifluoride and 0.10 mL (0.7 mmol) of borontrifluoride etherate in 7 mL of toluene at

0 °C was allowed to stand for 1.3 h with occasional stirring. A solution of 1.9 g (7.9 mmol) of (S)-3-(4-bromophenyl)cyclopentanone (from Step A) in 13 mL of toluene was added. The reaction was stirred at 55 °C for 2 days. After cooling, the mixture was added to 250 mL of 2N NaOH and 250 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O at 0 °C. After stirring for 30 min, the phases were separated. The organic layer was washed with 250 mL of 1 N NaOH and 250 mL of H<sub>2</sub>O, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The residue was purified on a 40M Biotage column using 49:1 v/v hexane/Et<sub>2</sub>O as the eluant to afford 1.47 g of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz) δ 1.85 (m, 1H), 2.09-2.26 (m, 3H), 2.35 (m, 1H), 2.56 (m, 1H), 3.30 (m, 1H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.3, 2H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.3, 2H).

Step C: (S)-4-(3,3-Difluorocyclopentyl) benzoic acid

A solution of 1.0 g (3.8 mmol) of (S)-3-(4-bromophenyl)-1,1-difluorocyclopentane (from Step B) in 15 mL of THF at -78 °C was treated with 1.6 mL (4.0 mmol) of 2.5M BuLi in hexanes. After stirring for 15 min, the reaction was added to a suspension of dry ice in 200 mL of Et<sub>2</sub>O. The mixture was allowed to warm to rt. The reaction mixture was extracted with 100 mL of 1 N NaOH. After separating phases, the aqueous layer was acidified to pH 1-2 with concentrated HCl. The aqueous phase was extracted with 3 x 100 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic phases were dried and concentrated to give 0.67 g of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 1.87 (m, 1H), 2.13-2.37 (m, 4H), 2.54 (m, 1H), 3.41 (m, 1H), 7.39 (d, J = 8.2, 2H), 7.97 (d, J = 8.2, 2H).

CARBOXYLIC ACID 24

(R)-4-(3,3-Difluorocyclopentyl) benzoic acid

The title compound was prepared using analogous procedures to CARBOXYLIC ACID 23, except (R)-2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl (BINAP) was substituted for (S)-2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl (BINAP) in Step A.

## PREPARATION OF EXAMPLE COMPOUNDS

EXAMPLE 13-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2-methylpropyl)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

5 Step A: 3-(2-(Chloro)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2-methylpropyl)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole  
A mixture of 500 mg (2.8 mmol) of 4-(2-methylpropyl)benzoic acid, 600 mg (3.1 mmol) of 1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride and 420 mg (3.1 mmol) of 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (0.42 g, 3.09 mmol) in 10 mL of DMF was stirred at rt for 10 min. N-Hydroxyamidines 1 (620 mg, 3.6  
10 mmol) was added and the resulting mixture was heated at 120 °C for 3 h. The reaction was cooled and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography using 3:1 v/v hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant afforded 103 mg of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.56 (dd, J= 2.0, 4.8, 1H), 8.38 (dd, J= 2.1, 7.6, 1H), 8.12 (d, J= 8.2, 2 H), 7.42 (dd, J= 4.8, 7.6, 1H), 7.35 (d, J= 8.2, 2H), 2.59 (d, J= 7.1, 2H), 1.94 (m,  
15 1H), 0.94 (d, J= 6.7, 6H); ESI-MS 314.1 (M+H).

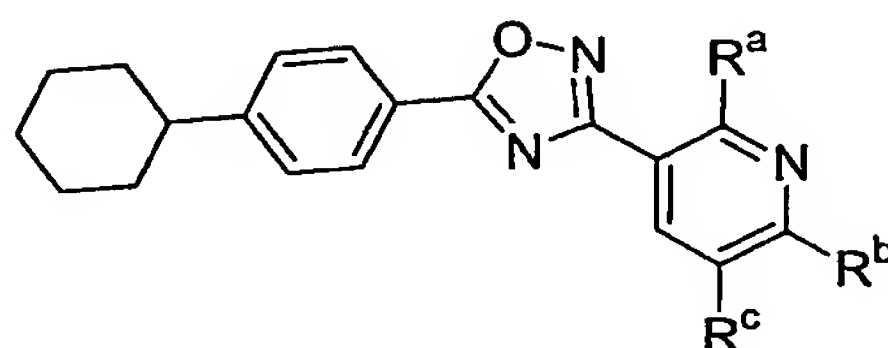
Step B: 3-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2-methylpropyl)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

A solution of 50 mg (0.12 mmol) of 3-(2-(chloro)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2-methylpropyl) phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole (from Step A) and 0.05 mL of diethanolamine in 0.5 mL of N-methylformamide was stirred at 120 °C for 16 h. The reaction was cooled and concentrated. Chromatography on silica gel using 5:1 v/v hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant afforded 20 mg of the title compound as a white solid:  
20 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.43 (dd, J= 2.1, 7.8, 1H), 8.33 (dd, J= 1.8, 8.3, 1H), 8.12 (d, J= 8.3, 2 H), 7.33 (d, J= 8.2, 2H), 7.14-7.20 (bs, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J= 5.0, 7.5, 1H), 3.18 (d, J= 4.6, 3H), 2.58 (d, J= 7.1, 2H), 1.94 (m, 1H), 0.94 (d, J= 6.6, 6H);  
25 ESI-MS 309.1 (M+H).

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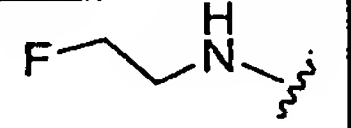
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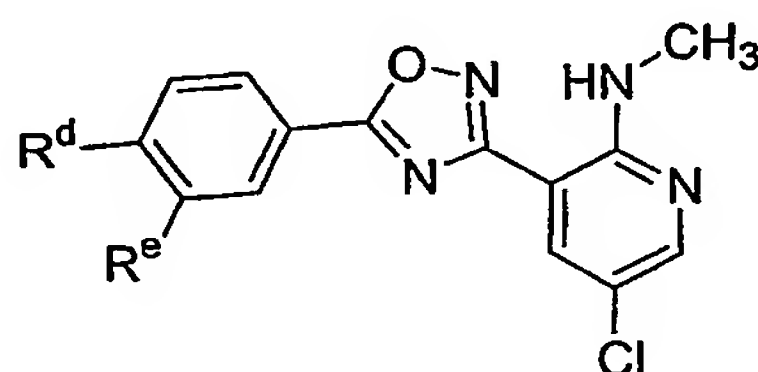
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| EXAMPLE   | R <sup>a</sup>                     | R <sup>b</sup> | R <sup>c</sup> | HPLC A<br>(min) | ESI-MS<br>(M+H) |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2   |                                    | -H             | -H             | 3.7             | 362.2           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.36 (d, J= 3.5, 1H), 8.17 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.95 (d, J= 6.9, 1H), 7.42 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 6.77-6.80 (m, 1H), 4.06 (t, J= 7.6, 4H), 2.60-2.68 (m, 1H), 2.28-2.38 (m, 2H), 1.88-2.00 (m, 4H), 1.78-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.55 (m, 4H), 1.28-1.39 (m, 1H)                    |                                    |                |                |                 |                 |
| 3   | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> N- | -H             | -H             | 3.8             | 349.2           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.34 (d, J= 3.2, 1H), 8.16 (d, J= 8.3, 2H), 8.03 (d, J= 7.6, 1H), 7.42 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 6.81-6.84 (m, 1H), 2.98 (s, 6H), 2.60-2.67 (m, 1H), 1.86-1.98 (m, 4H), 1.78-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.54 (m, 4H), 1.26-1.36 (m, 1H)   |                                    |                |                |                 |                 |
| 4   | CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NH | -H             | -H             | 3.6             | 349.1           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.45 (d, J= 7.6, 1H), 8.33 (d, J= 3.5, 1H), 8.15 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.43 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.20-7.29 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.72 (m, 1H), 3.67-3.70 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.69 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.98 (m, 4H), 1.78-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.42-1.52 (m, 4H), 1.39 (t, J= 7.3, 3H), 1.28-1.32 (m, 1H) |                                    |                |                |                 |                 |

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|---|---|------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| 5   | CH <sub>3</sub> NH-   | -H               | -Cl | 4.9 | 369.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 8.15 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.43 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 3.18 (d, J= 4.4, 3H), 2.60-2.78 (m, 1H), 1.86-2.00 (m, 4H), 1.78-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.52 (m, 4H), 1.26-1.36 (m, 1H)  |   |                  |     |     |       |
| 6   |  | -H               | -H  | 4.3 | 367.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.47 (d, J= 7.3, 1H), 8.30 (d, J= 3.2, 1H), 8.15 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.58 (s, 1H), 7.43 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 6.75-6.78 (m, 1H), 4.76-4.78 (m, 1H), 4.67-4.69 (m, 1H), 4.04-4.05 (m, 1H), 3.98-4.00 (m, 1H), 2.60-2.68 (m, 1H), 1.88-2.00 (m, 4H), 1.78-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.52 (m, 4H), 1.28-1.36 (m, 1H) |   |                  |     |     |       |
| 7   | CH <sub>3</sub> NH-   | -H               | -H  | 3.3 | 335.0 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.47 (d, J= 7.4, 1H), 8.36 (d, J= 3.4, 1H), 8.16 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.44 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.22 (s, 1H), 6.71-6.76 (m, 1H), 3.22 (d, J= 4.6, 3H), 2.60-2.70 (m, 1H), 1.98-2.00 (m, 4H), 1.79-1.98 (m, 1H), 1.40-1.58 (m, 4H), 1.28-1.40 (m, 1H)   |   |                  |     |     |       |
| 8   | CH <sub>3</sub> NH-   | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -H  | 5.3 | 403.3 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.57 (d, J= 7.5, 1H), 8.16 (d, J= 7.8, 2H), 7.44 (d, J= 7.8, 2H), 7.06 (d, J= 7.7, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.88-1.98 (m, 4H), 1.78-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.42-1.53 (m, 4H), 1.30-1.40 (m, 1H)   |   |                  |     |     |       |
| 9   | CH <sub>3</sub> NH-   | -CH <sub>3</sub> | -H  | 3.9 | 349.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.32 (d, J= 7.7, 1H), 8.15 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.42 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.11 (s, 1H), 6.58 (d, J= 7.6, 1H), 3.20 (d, J= 4.4, 3H), 2.60-2.67 (m, 1H), 2.52 (s, 3H), 1.86-1.98 (m, 4H), 1.78-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.41-1.52 (m, 4H), 1.28-1.36 (m, 1H)  |   |                  |     |     |       |

EXAMPLES 10-13

The following were prepared using procedures analogous to those described in EXAMPLE 1 substituting the appropriate CARBOXYLIC ACID for 4-(2-methylpropyl) benzoic acid and N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 3 for N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1 in Step A

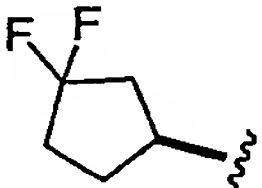


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| EXAMPLE  | R <sup>d</sup> | R <sup>e</sup>   | HPLC A<br>(min) | ESI-MS<br>(M+H) |
|--|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 10   |                | -CF <sub>3</sub> | 5.0             | 427.3           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.44 (d, 2H), 8.34 (d, J= 8.4, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, J= 9.0, 2H), 4.58-4.65 (m, 1H), 3.19 (d, J= 4.3, 3H), 1.85-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, J= 5.9, 3H), 1.05 (t, J= 7.4, 3H) |                |                  |                 |                 |
| 11   |                | -H               | 4.8             | 383.1           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.43 (s, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.20 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.45 (d, J= 7.7, 2H), 7.18 (s, 1H), 3.19 (d, J= 4.6, 3H), 3.03 (t, J= 8.1, 2H), 2.46-2.55 (m, 2H)   |                |                  |                 |                 |
| 12   |                | -H               | 5.2             | 343             |

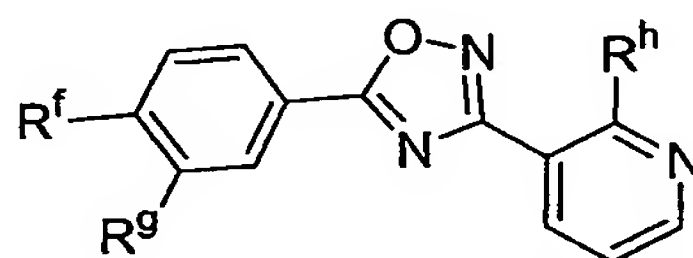


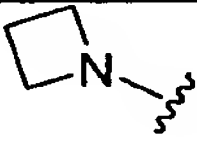
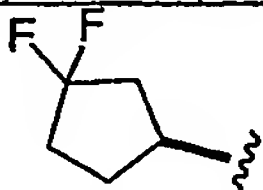
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.43 (d, J= 2.3, 1H), 8.28 (d, J= 2.0, 1H), 8.15 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.38 (d, J= 7.8, 2H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 3.18 (d, J= 4.8, 3H), 2.62 (d, J= 7.1, 2H), 1.94-2.00 (m, 1H), 0.97 (d, J= 6.6, 6H)

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| 13 |  | -H | 4.8 | 391.1 |
|----|---|----|-----|-------|

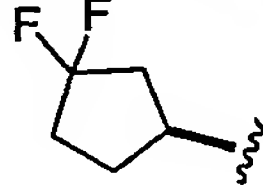
### EXAMPLES 14-17

The following were prepared using procedures analogous to those described in EXAMPLE 1 substituting the appropriate CARBOXYLIC ACID for 4-(2-methylpropyl) benzoic acid in Step A and the appropriate amine for N-methylformamide in Step B.



| EXAMPLE   | R <sup>f</sup>  | R <sup>g</sup>   | R <sup>h</sup>  | HPLC A<br>(min) | ESI-MS<br>(M+H) |
|---|---|------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| 14  | CF <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> )CHO-  | -CF <sub>3</sub> | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> N-  | 3.5             | 446.9           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, J= 8.0, 1H), 8.36 (s, 1H), 8.05 (d, J= 7.1, 1H), 7.23 (d, J= 8.4, 1H), 6.84-6.85 (m, 1H), 4.90-4.98 (m, 1H), 2.99 (s, 6H), 1.65 (d, J= 5.7, 3H)   |   |                  |   |                 |                 |
| 15  | CF <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> )CHO-  | -CF <sub>3</sub> |  | 3.4             | 458.9           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.37-8.41 (m, 2H), 7.99 (d, J= 7.1, 1H), 7.24 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 6.80-6.84 (m, 1H), 4.90-4.98 (m, 1H), 4.09 (s, 4H), 2.30-2.40 (m, 2H), 1.65 (d, J= 6.2, 3H) |   |                  |   |                 |                 |
| 16  |  | -H               | CH <sub>3</sub> NH-   | 3.2             | 357.2           |



|   |   |    |                     |     |       |
|---|---|----|---------------------|-----|-------|
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 M, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 1.94 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.45 (m, 4H), 2.64 (m, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 4.8, 3H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.0, 1H), 7.30 (br, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.2, 2H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.2, 2H), 8.36 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.7, 1H), 8.48 (d, J = 7.5, 1H) |   |    |                     |     |       |
| 17  |  | -H | CH <sub>3</sub> NH- | 3.2 | 357.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 M, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 1.94 (m, 1H), 2.18-2.45 (m, 4H), 2.64 (m, 1H), 3.24 (d, J = 4.8, 3H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 6.76 (dd, J = 7.5, 5.0, 1H), 7.30 (br, 1H), 7.46 (d, J = 8.2, 2H), 8.19 (d, J = 8.2, 2H), 8.36 (dd, J = 5.0, 1.7, 1H), 8.48 (d, J = 7.5, 1H) |   |    |                     |     |       |

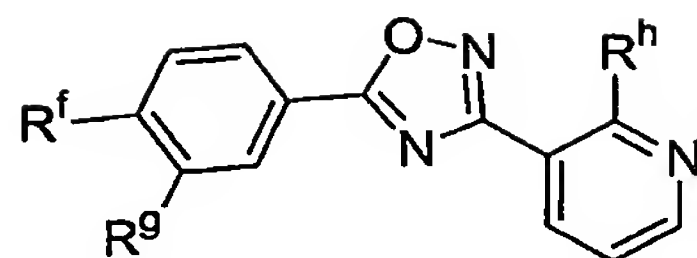
EXAMPLE 19

5        3-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2,2-difluoropropyl)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

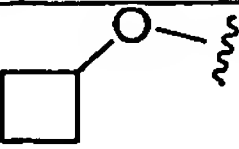
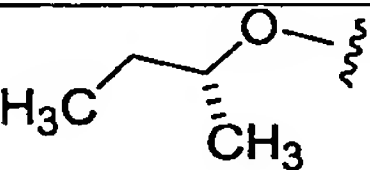
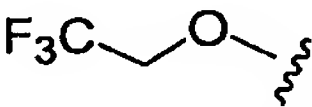
A mixture of 50 mg (0.25 mmol) of 4-(2,2-difluoropropyl)benzoic acid, 50 mg (0.3 mmol) of N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1 and 72 mg (0.37 mmol) of 1-[3-(dimethylamino) propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride and in 1 mL of 1,2-dichloroethane was stirred at rt for 6 h, then at 80 °C for 16 h. The reaction was cooled and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography using 10:1 v/v hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant afforded 19 mg of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.45 (d, J = 6.7, 1H), 8.34 (dd, J = 1.9, 4.8, 1H), 8.18 (d, J = 8.2, 2H), 7.48 (d, J = 8.3, 2H), 6.72 (dd, J = 4.8, 7.6, 1H), 3.20-3.30 (m, 5H), 1.60 (d, J = 18.3, 3H); ESI-MS 331.3 (M+H).

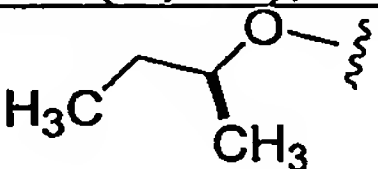
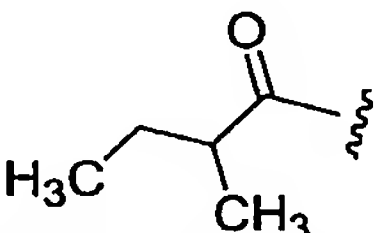
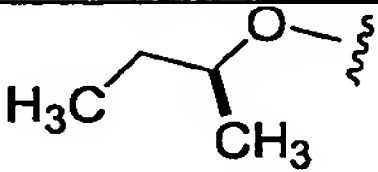
EXAMPLES 20-46

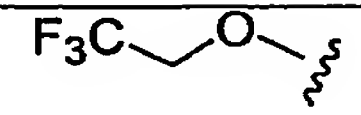
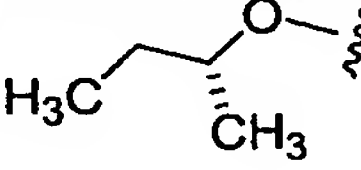
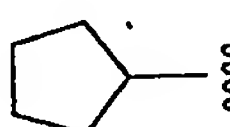
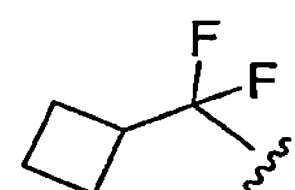
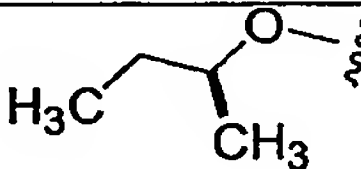
The following were prepared using procedures analogous to those described in EXAMPLE 19 substituting the appropriate CARBOXYLIC ACID for 4-(2,2-difluoropropyl) benzoic acid and the appropriate N-HYDROXYAMIDINE for N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1.

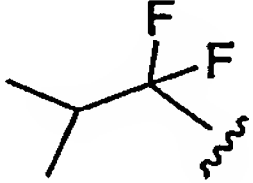

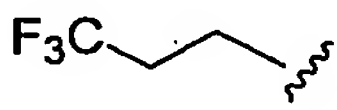
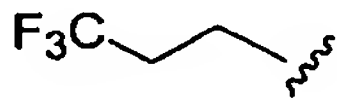
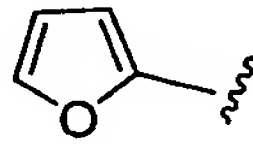


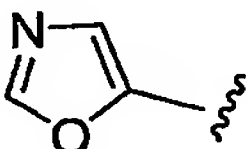
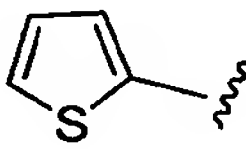
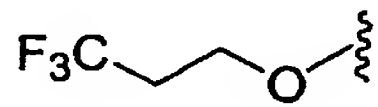
| EXAMPLE   | R <sup>f</sup>   | R <sup>g</sup>   | R <sup>h</sup>     | HPLC A<br>(min) | ESI-MS<br>(M+H) |
|---|--|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 20  | CF <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> )CHO-                     | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -NH <sub>2</sub>   | 3.8             | 419             |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.47 (d, J= 7.4, 1H), 8.40 (d, J= 8.3, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, J= 8.5, 1H), 6.80-6.86 (m, 1H), 6.21 (s, 2H), 4.90-4.98 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, 3H)                                       |  |                  |                    |                 |                 |
| EXAMPLE 20 was resolved by Preparative Chiral HPLC: Chiralcel OD 2 x 25 cm column, 80:20 v/v heptane/iPrOH, 8.0 mL/min, λ =254 nM.  |  |                  |                    |                 |                 |
| 21  |  | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -NH <sub>2</sub>   | 3.8             | 419             |
| Retention time = 16.1 min   |  |                  |                    |                 |                 |
| 22  |  | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -NH <sub>2</sub>   | 3.8             | 419             |
| Retention time = 19.7 min   |  |                  |                    |                 |                 |
| 23  | CF <sub>3</sub> CF <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> )CH<br>O- | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.7             | 483.3           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, J= 6.9, 1H), 8.41 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 8.37 (d, J= 3.5, 1H), 7.22 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.72-6.78 (m, 1H), 5.05-5.15 (m, 1H), 3.22 (d, J= 4.1, 3H), 1.64 (d, J= 6.2, 3H) |  |                  |                    |                 |                 |
| 24  | Cl-  | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.4             | 355.2           |

|  |   |                  |                    |     |       |
|--|---|------------------|--------------------|-----|-------|
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, J= 5.9, 1H), 8.40 (d, J= 3.4, 1H), 8.35 (d, J= 8.0, 1H), 7.77 (d, J= 8.2, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.74-6.79 (m, 1H), 3.23 (d, J= 3.4, 3H)   |   |                  |                    |     |       |
| 25   |    | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.6 | 391.3 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.45 (s, 2H), 8.37 (d, J= 3.6, 1H), 8.32 (d, J= 8.5, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.02 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 6.72-6.77 (m, 1H), 4.85-4.90 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.56 (s, 2H), 2.28-2.38 (m, 2H), 1.92-2.02 (m, 1H), 1.77-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.29 (s, 1H) |   |                  |                    |     |       |
| 26   |  | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.6 | 393.4 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.45 (s, 2H), 8.37 (d, J= 3.7, 1H), 8.33 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 7.17 (d, J= 8.5, 2H), 6.72-6.78 (m, 1H), 4.58-4.65 (m, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.83-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, J= 6.0, 3H), 1.05 (t, J= 7.3, 3H)                  |   |                  |                    |     |       |
| 27   |  | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.5 | 419.4 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.47 (d, J= 6.8, 1H), 8.43 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 8.38 (d, J= 3.0, 1H), 7.20 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 6.72-6.78 (m, 1H), 4.60 (d, J= 7.5, 2H), 3.23 (d, J= 3.2, 3H)   |   |                  |                    |     |       |
| 28   | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO-  | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.6 | 379.4 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.46 (s, 2H), 8.32-8.39 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J= 8.7, 2H), 6.72-6.76 (m, 1H), 4.80-4.85 (m, 1H), 3.22 (d, J= 3.8, 3H), 1.48 (d, J= 5.9, 6H)   |   |                  |                    |     |       |
| 29   | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCO-   | -F               | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.5 | 341.3 |

|   |   |                  |                    |     |       |
|---|---|------------------|--------------------|-----|-------|
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.42 (dd, J= 1.8, 7.6, 1H), 8.35 (dd, J= 1.8, 4.8, 1H), 8.07 (dd, J= 1.4, 8.0, 1H), 7.99 (dd, J= 1.4, 10.8, 1H), 7.94 (t, J= 7.6, 1H), 7.06-7.10 (bs, 1H), 6.72 (dd, J= 5.0, 7.8, 1H), 3.41-3.44 (m, 1H), 3.20 (d, J= 4.8, 3H), 1.23 (d, J= 6.7, 6H)           |   |                  |                    |     |       |
| 30  | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHCO-   | -H               | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.3 | 323.4 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.44 (dd, J= 1.8, 7.5, 1H), 8.35 (dd, J= 1.8, 4.8, 1H), 8.31 (d, J= 8.5, 2H), 8.12 (d, J= 8.4, 2H), 7.10-7.16 (bs, 1H), 6.72 (dd, J= 4.8, 7.6, 1H), 3.59 (m, 1H), 3.20 (d, J= 4.8, 3H), 1.26 (d, J= 6.9, 6H)   |   |                  |                    |     |       |
| 31  |  | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.8 | 393.4 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.46 (s, 2H), 8.37 (d, J= 3.6, 1H), 8.33 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 7.17 (d, J= 8.7, 2H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 4.58-4.63 (m, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 1.82-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.76-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, J= 6.0, 3H), 1.05 (t, J= 7.5, 3H)  |   |                  |                    |     |       |
| 32  |  | -H               | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.7 | 337.3 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.44 (dd, J= 1.6, 7.5, 1H), 8.35 (dd, J= 1.6, 4.8, 1H), 8.32 (d, J= 8.3, 2H), 8.11 (d, J= 8.5, 2H), 7.12-7.18 (bs, 1H), 6.72 (dd, J= 4.8, 7.6, 1H), 3.43 (m, 1H), 3.20 (d, J= 4.5, 3H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 1.54 (m, 1H), 1.23 (d, J= 6.9, 3H), 0.95 (t, J= 7.5, 3H) |   |                  |                    |     |       |
| 33  |  | -F               | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.1 | 343.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J= 3.6, 1H), 7.96 (t, 2H), 7.13 (t, J= 8.4, 2H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 4.48-4.54 (m, 1H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 1.82-1.92 (s, 1H), 1.70-1.79 (s, 1H), 1.42 (d, J= 6.2, 3H), 1.06 (t, J= 7.5, 3H)  |   |                  |                    |     |       |
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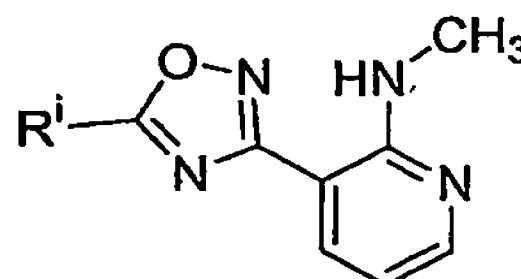
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| 35   |    | -H | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.4 | 325.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.55 (s, 1H), 8.37 (d, J= 3.9, 1H), 8.16 (d, J= 8.5, 2H), 7.05 (d, J= 8.5, 3H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 4.46-4.52 (m, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.78-1.88 (s, 1H), 1.78-1.87 (s, 1H), 1.38 (d, J= 6.0, 3H), 1.03 (t, J= 7.3, 3H)   |   |    |                    |     |       |
| 36   |  | -F | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.6 | 339.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.44 (d, J= 7.5, 1H), 8.34 (dd, J= 1.6, 4.8, 1H), 7.93 (dd, J= 1.8, 8.0, 1H), 7.84 (dd, J= 1.6, 10.8, 1H), 7.45 (t, J= 7.7, 1H), 7.16-7.24 (bs, 1H), 6.72 (dd, J= 5.0, 7.5, 1H), 3.31 (m, 1H), 3.21 (d, J= 4.8, 3H), 2.08-2.16 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.90 (m, 6H) |   |    |                    |     |       |
| 37   |  | -H | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.4 | 357.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.45 (dd, J= 1.6, 7.6, 1H), 8.35 (dd, J= 2.0, 5.0, 1H), 8.25 (d, J= 8.3, 2H), 7.64 (d, J= 8.2, 2H), 7.16-7.25 (bs, 1H), 6.72 (dd, J= 4.8, 7.6, 1H), 3.22 (d, J= 4.8, 3H), 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.20-2.28 (m, 2H), 1.82-2.04 (m, 4H)                              |   |    |                    |     |       |
| 38   |  | -H | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 2.7 | 325.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.51 (d, J= 6.5, 1H), 8.37 (d, J= 3.8, 1H), 8.16 (d, J= 8.7, 2H), 7.06 (d, J= 8.7, 3H), 6.75-6.81 (m, 1H), 4.45-4.52 (m, 1H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 1.80-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.39 (d, J= 6.0, 3H), 1.04 (t, J= 7.6, 3H)                              |   |    |                    |     |       |

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|--|---|----|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 39   |    | -H | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.3 | 346.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.45 (dd, J= 1.8, 7.8, 1H), 8.34 (dd, J= 1.8, 5.0, 1H), 8.27 (d, J= 8.3, 2H), 7.65 (d, J= 8.2, 2H), 7.17-7.24 (bs, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J= 5.0, 7.6, 1H), 3.21 (d, J= 4.8, 3H), 2.37 (m, 1H), 1.03 (d, J= 7.9 H, 6H)                              |   |    |                    |     |       |
| 40   |    | -F | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.5 | 327.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.45 (d, J= 7.3, 1H), 8.34 (dd, J= 1.8, 5.0, 1H), 7.92 (dd, J= 1.6, 7.8, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J= 1.6, 10.0, 1H), 7.36 (t, J= 7.7, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J= 5.1, 7.3, 1H), 3.23 (d, J= 4.1, 3H), 2.62 (d, J= 7.1, 2H), 1.97 (m, 1H), 0.96 (d, J= 6.6, 6H) |   |    |                    |     |       |
| 41   |  | -H | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.4 | 349.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.42 (dd, J= 1.8, 7.6, 1H), 8.33 (dd, J= 1.9, 4.8, 1H), 8.17 (d, J= 8.3, 2H), 7.41 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.12-7.18 (bs, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J= 4.8, 7.5, 1H), 3.18 (d, J= 4.8, 3H), 2.97-3.00 (m, 2H), 2.43-2.49 (m, 2H)                              |   |    |                    |     |       |
| 42   |  | -H | -NH <sub>2</sub>   | 3.4 | 335.1 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.47 (d, J= 7.3, 1H), 8.26 (d, J= 3.7, 1H), 8.20 (d, J= 7.8, 2H), 7.44 (d, J= 7.8, 2H), 6.80-6.85 (m, 1H), 6.22 (s, 2H), 3.00-3.05 (m, 2H), 2.45-2.54 (m, 2H)   |   |    |                    |     |       |
| 43   |  | -H | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.6 | 319.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.47 (d, 1H), 8.37 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.88 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.20 (s, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 6.72-6.76 (m, 1H), 6.58 (s, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H)   |   |    |                    |     |       |

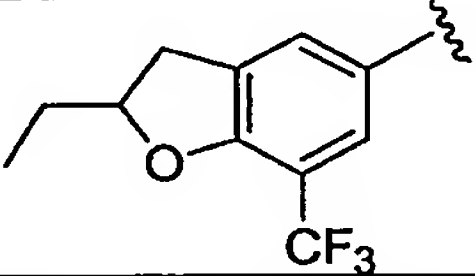
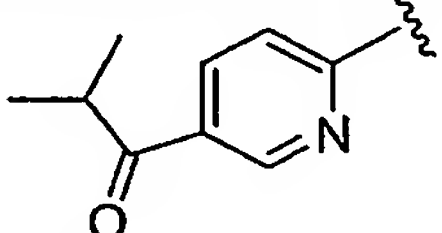
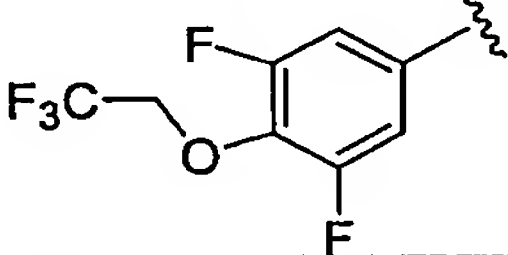
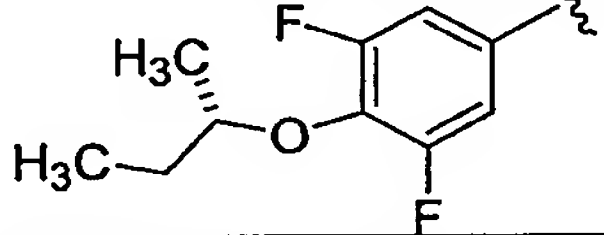
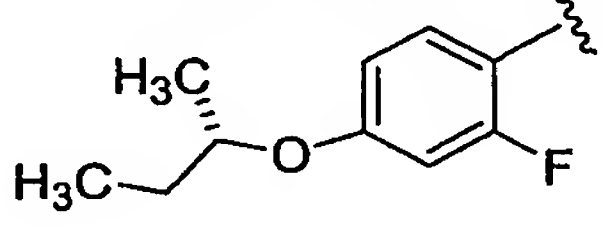
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| 44  |    | -H               | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 2.9 | 320.3 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.50 (d, 1H), 8.40 (d, J= 3.5, 1H), 8.34 (d, J= 8.3, 2H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.90 (d, J= 8.3, 2H), 7.59 (s, 1H), 7.21 (s, 1H), 6.75-6.80 (m, 1H), 3.25 (d, J= 3.2, 3H)                              |   |                  |                    |     |       |
| 45  |    | -H               | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.7 | 335.3 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.48 (d, J= 7.1, 1H), 8.38 (d, J= 3.2, 1H), 8.26 (d, J= 8.4, 2H), 7.84 (d, J= 8.0, 2H), 7.51 (d, J= 3.4, 1H), 7.44 (d, J= 4.8, 1H), 7.16-7.20 (m, 2H), 6.72-6.78 (m, 1H), 3.23 (d, J= 4.6, 3H) |   |                  |                    |     |       |
| 46  |  | -CF <sub>3</sub> | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | 3.2 | 433.1 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.49 (s, 1H), 8.42-8.47 (m, 1H), 8.35-8.42 (m, 2H), 7.19 (d, J= 8.5, 1H), 7.13 (s, 1H), 6.72-6.77 (m, 1H), 4.40-4.46 (m, 2H), 3.20-3.26 (m, 3H), 2.74-2.84 (m, 2H)                             |   |                  |                    |     |       |

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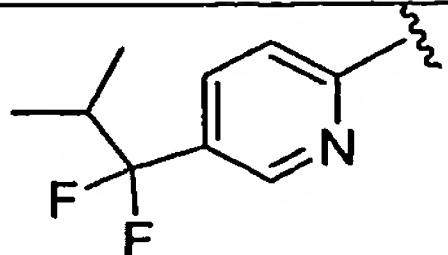
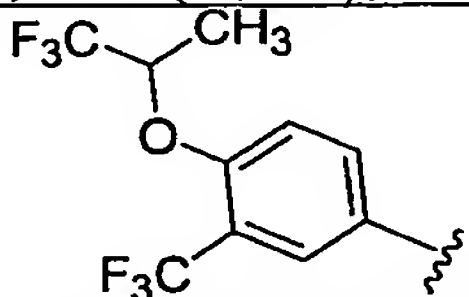
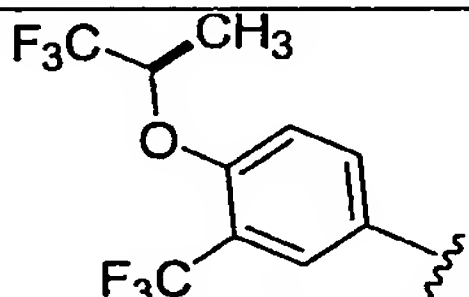
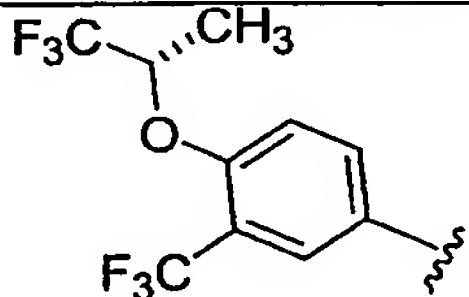
- The following were prepared using procedures analogous to those described in EXAMPLE 19 substituting the appropriate CARBOXYLIC ACID for 4-(2,2-difluoropropyl) benzoic acid and N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 7 for N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1.



| EXAMPLE | R <sup>i</sup> | HPLC A<br>(min) | ESI-MS<br>(M+H) |
|---------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|---------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|

|   |  |     |       |
|---|--|-----|-------|
| 47  |    | 3.3 | 323.4 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.32-8.38 (m, 1H), 8.02-8.07 (m, 2H), 6.92 (d, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 4.88-4.95 (m, 1H), 3.38-3.45 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 2.95-3.05 (m, 1H), 1.88-1.95 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.09 (t, J= 7.2, 3H)                                    |  |     |       |
| 48  |    | 3.0 | 324.3 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 9.40 (d, J= 1.4, 1H), 8.55 (dd, J= 1.6, 7.6, 1H), 8.51 (dd, J= 2.1, 8.0, 1H), 8.47 (dd, J= 0.7, 8.2, 1H), 8.41 (dd, J= 1.9, 4.8, 1H), 7.11-7.18 (bs, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J= 4.8, 7.5, 1H), 3.57 (m, 1H), 3.22 (d, J= 4.6, 3H), 1.29 (d, J= 6.9, 6H)       |  |     |       |
| 49  |  | 3.5 | 387.3 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.40-8.45 (m, 1H), 8.38 (d, J= 3.4, 1H), 7.86 (d, J= 7.6, 2H), 7.08 (s, 1H), 6.72-6.77 (m, 1H), 4.59-4.67 (m, 2H), 3.22 (s, 3H)  |  |     |       |
| 50  |  | 3.6 | 361.3 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.44 (d, J= 7.2, 1H), 8.37 (d, J= 3.7, 1H), 7.80 (d, J= 7.5, 2H), 7.10-7.18 (m, 1H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 4.48-4.55 (m, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.80-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.37 (d, J= 6.5, 3H), 1.07 (t, J= 7.5, 3H)                                 |  |     |       |
| 51  |  | 3.6 | 343.4 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.45 (d, J= 7.1, 1H), 8.35 (d, J= 3.4, 1H), 8.13 (t, J= 8.6, 1H), 6.84-6.89 (m, 1H), 6.76-6.81 (m, 1H), 6.70-6.75 (m, 1H), 4.39-4.48 (m, 2H), 3.22 (d, J= 4.3, 3H), 1.78-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.68-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.39 (d, J= 5.9, 3H), 1.03 (t, J= 7.4, 3H) |  |     |       |



|  |  |     |       |
|--|--|-----|-------|
| 52   |    | 3.1 | 346.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.93 (d, J= 1.6, 1H), 8.51 (d, J= 7.8, 1H), 8.35-8.38 (m, 2H), 8.01 (dd, J= 2.1, 8.0, 1H), 7.14-7.20 (bs, 1H), 6.73 (dd, J= 5.0, 7.5, 1H), 3.23 (d, J= 4.3, 3H), 2.40 (m, 1H), 1.05 (d, J= 6.8, 6H) |  |     |       |
| 54   |    | 3.5 | 433.3 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ) δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, J= 7.1, 1H), 8.36-8.42 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 7.12 (s, 1H), 6.72-6.78 (m, 1H), 4.89-4.98 (m, 1H), 3.22 (d, J= 5.3, 3H), 1.65 (d, J= 6.2, 3H)                         |  |     |       |
| EXAMPLE 54 was resolved by Preparative Chiral HPLC: Chiralcel OD 2 x 25 cm column, 80:20 v/v heptane/iPrOH, 8.0 mL/min, λ =254 nM.   |  |     |       |
| 55   |  | 3.5 | 433.3 |
| Retention time = 12.7 min  |  |     |       |
| 56   |  | 3.5 | 433.3 |
| Retention time = 15.6 min  |  |     |       |

EXAMPLE 58

3-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(5-(2-methylpropyl)pyridin-2-yl)-1,2,4-  
oxadiazole

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Step A: 3-(2-(Benzotriazol-1-yloxy)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(5-bromopyridin-2-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

A solution of 300 mg (1.45 mmol) of 5-bromopyridine-2-CARBOXYLIC ACID, 310 mg (1.6 mmol) of 1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride and 220 mg (1.6 mmol) of 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (0.22 g, 1.64 mmol) in 2 mL of DMF was stirred at rt for 2 h. The mixture was  
5 treated with 310 mg (1.8 mmol) of N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1 then stirred at rt for 1 h and 80 °C for 16 h. The reaction was cooled and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography using 1:1 v/v hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant gave 190 mg of the title compound: ESI-MS 437.9 (M+H).

10 Step B: 3-(2-(Benzotriazol-1-yloxy)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(5-(2-methylpropyl)pyridin-2-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

A solution of 190 mg (0.43 mmol) of 3-(2-(benzotriazol-1-yloxy)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(5-bromopyridin-2-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole (from Step A) in 1.0 mL of 0.M isobutylzinc bromide solution in THF was treated with ~2 mg of bis(tri-  
15 butylphosphine) palladium(0) and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. Silica gel chromatography using 3:2 v/v hexanes/EtOAc gave the title compound: ESI-MS 414.1 (M+H).

Step C: 3-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(5-(2-methylpropyl)pyridin-2-  
20 yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

A mixture of 100 mg (0.24 mmol) of 3-(2-(benzotriazol-1-yloxy)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(5-(2-methylpropyl)pyridin-2-yl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole (from Step B), 100 mg of diethanolamine in 0.5 mL of N-methylformamide (0.5 ml) was stirred at 130°C for 16 h. The reaction was cooled and concentrated. The title compound  
25 was after purification by HPLC B: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.91 (dd, J= 1.3, 7.5, 1H), 8.70 (bs, 1H), 8.48 (d, J= 6.2, 1H), 8.43 (bs, 1H), 8.25 (d, J= 8.0, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J= 1.6, 8.1, 1H), 7.02 (t, J= 6.2, 1H), 3.44 (s, 3H), 2.65 (d, J= 7.1, 2H), 1.97 (m, 1H), 0.98 (d, J= 6.6, 6H); ESI-MS 310.2 (M+H).

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#### EXAMPLE 59

3-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

A solution of 5.0 g (31.6 mmol) of N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 7 and 4.6 mL (33.1 mmol) of triethylamine in 50 mL of DMF at 0 °C was treated with 6.9 g

(31.6 mmol) of 4-bromobenzoyl chloride. The reaction was stirred at 0 ° for 1 hour, then heated to 120°C for 2 hours. The reaction was cooled, diluted with methanol (50 ml) and the product collected by filtration (3.1 g): <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.41 (dd, J= 1.8, 7.6, 1H), 8.34 (dd, J= 1.9, 4.8, 1H), 8.08 (d, J= 8.5, 2H), 7.71 (d, J= 8.7, 2H), 7.08-7.14 (bs, 1H), 6.70 (dd, J= 4.8, 7.5, 1H), 3.18 (d, J= 4.8, 3H); ESI-MS 333.1 (M+H).

#### EXAMPLE 60

##### 3-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

Step A: 3-(2-(Chloro)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

The title compound was prepared using a procedure analogous to that described in EXAMPLE 1, Step A substituting 4-hydroxybenzoic acid for 4-(2-methylpropyl)benzoic acid.

Step B: 3-(2-(Chloro)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

A mixture of 35 mg of 3-(2-(chloro)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole (from Step A) and 210 mg (0.38 mmol) of cesium carbonate in 0.7 mL of acetonitrile and 0.3 mL of THF was treated with 90 mg (0.38 mmol) of 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy trifluoromethanesulfonate. The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 2 h. Silica gel chromatography using 3:1 v/v hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant afforded 15 mg the title compound: ESI-MS 356.1 (M+H).

Step C: 3-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

A mixture of 15 mg of 3-(2-(chloro)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole (from Step B), 0.11 mL of 2 M methylamine solution in THF and Methyl amine (2.0M in THF) (0.11mL, 0.21 mmol) and 0.037 mL (0.21 mmol) was stirred at 65 °C for 48 h. The reaction was cooled and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography using 8:1 hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant afforded 6.2 mg of the title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.55 (s, 1H),

8.39 (d, J= 4.1 , 1H), 8.24 (d, J= 8.5 , 2H), 7.16 (d, J= 8.5 , 2H), 6.82 (s, 1H), 4.46-4.54 (m, 2H), 3.33 (s, 3H); ESI-MS 351.1 (M+H)

#### EXAMPLE 60a

5      3-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2-fluoro-1-fluoromethyl)ethoxy-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

Step A: 3-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

10                      A mixture of 200 mg of N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 7 and 0.44 mL (3.1 mmol) of TEA in 0.4 mL of toluene and 1.4 mL of DMF at 0 °C was treated with 360 mg (1.6 mmol) of 3-trifluoromethyl-4-fluoro benzoyl chloride. The resulting mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 2.5 h. The mixture was cooled, then partitioned between CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and water. The organic layer was separated, dried and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography using 4:1 v/v hexanes/EtOAc afforded 150 mg of the title  
15      compound: ESI-MS 340.2 (M+H).

Step B: 3-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2-fluoro-1-fluoromethyl)ethoxy-3-trifluoromethylphenyl) -1,2,4-oxadiazole

20                      The title compound was prepared from 3-(2-(N-methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-fluoro-3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole (from Step A) using a procedure analogous to that described in CARBOXYLIC ACID 7, Step A, substituting 1,3-difluoro-2-propanol for 2-(S)-butanol: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz , CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.41 (d, J= 7.1 , 3H), 7.37 (d, J= 8.7 , 2H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 4.95-5.09 (m, 1H), 4.84 (s, 2H), 4.75 (s, 2H), 3.21-3.30 (m, 3H); ESI-MS 415.2 (M+H).

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#### EXAMPLE 61

3-(2-(N-methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(3-thienyl)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

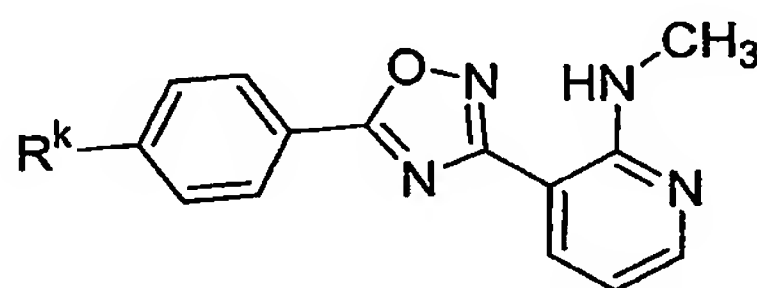
30                      A solution of 50 mg (0.15 mmol) of 3-(2-(N-methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-bromophenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole (from EXAMPLE 61), 29 mg (0.23 mmol) of 3-thiopheneboronic acid and 26 mg (0.45 mmol) potassium fluoride in 1 mL of THF was treated with 7 mg (0.003 mmol) of palladium(II) acetate and 2.1 mg (0.006 mmol) of 2-(dicyclohexylphosphino)biphenyl. The resulting mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h, then cooled and concentrated. Silica gel chromatography using 7:1 v/v

hexanes/EtOAc as the eluant afforded 30 mg of the title compound:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.44 (dd,  $J=1.9, 7.8$ , 1H), 8.34 (dd,  $J=1.8, 4.8$ , 1H), 8.23 (d,  $J=8.5$ , 2H), 7.78 (d,  $J=8.5$ , 2H), 7.63 (dd,  $J=1.4, 2.7$ , 1H), 7.45-7.48 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.20 (bs, 1H), 6.71 (dd,  $J=5.0, 7.8$ , 1H), 3.20 (d,  $J=4.8$ , 3H); ESI-MS 335.2 (M+H).

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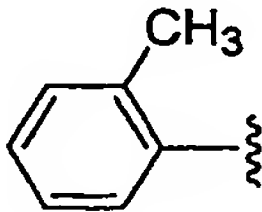
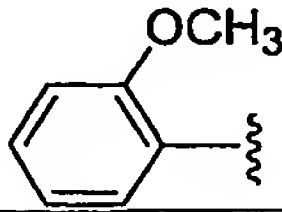
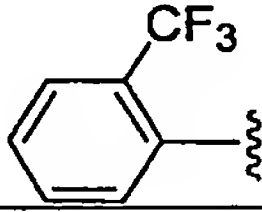
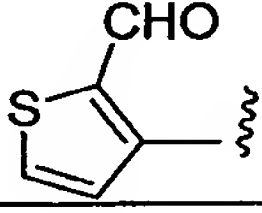
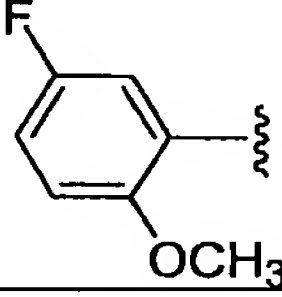
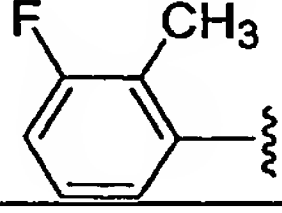
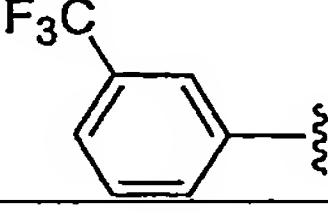
### EXAMPLES 62-71

The following were prepared using procedures analogous to those described in EXAMPLE 61 substituting the appropriate aryl boronic acid for thiophene-3-boronic acid.



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| EXAMPLE  | R <sup>k</sup> | HPLC A<br>(min) | ESI-MS<br>(M+H) |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 62   |                | 3.8             | 330.3           |
| $^1\text{H}$ NMR (500 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) $\delta$ 8.45 (dd, $J=1.8, 7.5$ , 1H), 8.34 (dd, $J=1.9, 4.8$ , 1H), 8.28 (d, $J=8.4$ , 2H), 7.79 (d, $J=8.5$ , 2H), 7.67 (d, $J=8.1$ , 2H), 7.50 (t, $J=7.7$ , 2H), 7.43 (t, $J=7.4$ , 1H), 7.16-7.21 (bs, 1H), 6.71 (dd, $J=4.8, 7.5$ , 1H), 3.20 (d, $J=4.8$ , 3H) |                |                 |                 |
| 63   |                | 2.9             | 319.2           |
| $^1\text{H}$ NMR (500 MHz, $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) $\delta$ 8.44 (dd, $J=2.1, 7.6$ , 1H), 8.34 (dd, $J=1.8, 4.8$ , 1H), 8.21 (d, $J=8.2$ , 2H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 7.67 (d, $J=8.5$ , 2H), 7.54 (t, $J=1.6$ , 1H), 7.14-7.20 (bs, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.71 (dd, $J=5.0, 7.8$ , 1H), 3.19 (d, $J=4.8$ , 3H)                     |                |                 |                 |
| 64   |                | -               | 347.1           |

|    |  |   |       |
|----|--|---|-------|
| 65 |    | - | 343.1 |
| 66 |    | - | 359.1 |
| 67 |   | - | 397.1 |
| 68 |  | - | 363.1 |
| 69 |  | - | 377.1 |
| 70 |  | - | 361.1 |
| 71 |  | - | 397.1 |

**EXAMPLE 72**

3-(2-(N-Methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-(2-methylpropyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

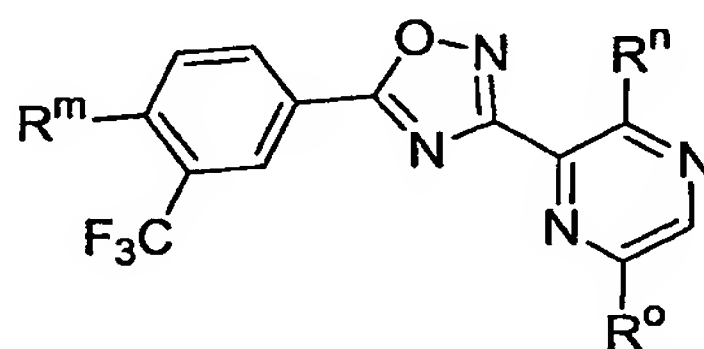
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A mixture of 30 mg (0.085 mmol) of 3-(2-(N-methylamino)pyridin-3-yl)-5-(4-chloro-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole (from EXAMPLE 24) in

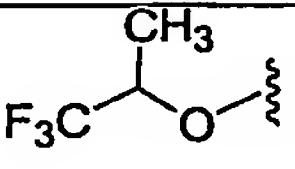
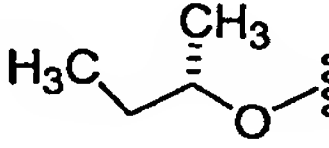
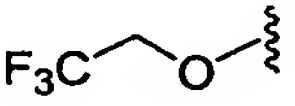
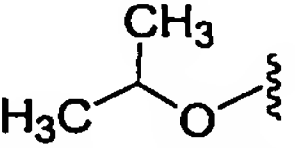
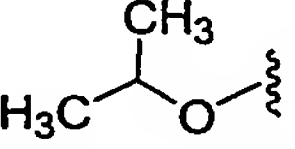
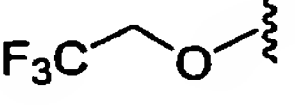
1.0 mL of 0.5 M isobutylzinc bromide solution in THF) was treated with 2 mg of bis(tri-*t*-butylphosphine)palladium(0) (2 crystals). The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 20 h, then concentrated. Silica gel chromatography using 9:1 hexanes/EtOAc afforded 2.5 mg of title compound: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.47 (d, J= 6.4, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.31 (d, J= 7.3, 1H), 7.57 (d, J= 7.8, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 2.80 (d, J= 6.6, 2H), 2.00-2.10 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, J= 6.2, 6H); ESI-MS 377.3 (M+H).

### EXAMPLES 73-80

The following were prepared using procedures analogous to those described in EXAMPLE 19 substituting the appropriate N-HYDROXYAMIDINE for N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1 and the appropriate CARBOXYLIC ACID for 4-(2,2-difluoropropyl)benzoic acid.



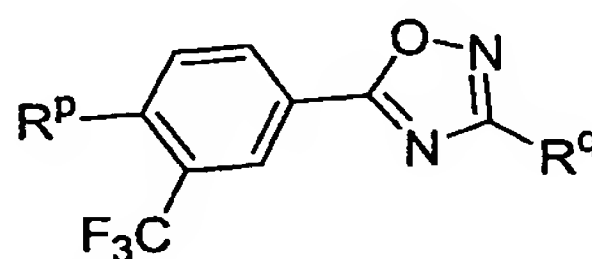
| EXAMPLE   | R <sup>m</sup> | R <sup>n</sup>     | R <sup>o</sup> | HPLC A<br>(min) | ESI-MS<br>(M+H) |
|---|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 73  |                | -NH <sub>2</sub>   | -H             | 4.2             | 422.1           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, J= 8.5, 1H), 8.24 (s, 2H), 7.25 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 6.32 (s, 2H), 4.90-4.98 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J= 6.4, 3H)                             |                |                    |                |                 |                 |
| 74  |                | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | -H             | 4.3             | 434.2           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.50 (d, J= 8.5, 1H), 8.34 (s, 1H), 8.15 (s, 1H), 7.44 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 4.90-4.98 (m, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, J= 6.4, 3H) |                |                    |                |                 |                 |
|   |                |                    |                |                 |                 |

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|---|---|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| 75  |    | -NH <sub>2</sub>   | -Cl | 4.2 | 424.1 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, J= 8.5, 1H), 8.24 (s, 2H), 7.25 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 6.32 (s, 2H), 4.90-4.98 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J= 6.4, 3H)   |   |                    |     |     |       |
| 76  |    | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | -H  | 4.2 | 394.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, J= 8.5, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.16 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 4.58-4.65 (m, 1H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 1.82-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.42 (d, J= 5.7, 3H), 1.05 (t, J= 7.2, 3H) |   |                    |     |     |       |
| 77  |  | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | -H  | 3.8 | 420.1 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, J= 8.0, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 4.56-4.63 (m, 2H), 3.22-3.23 (m, 3H)  |   |                    |     |     |       |
| 78  |  | -NHCH <sub>3</sub> | -H  | 4.0 | 380.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.12 (s, 1H), 7.34 (s, 1H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 1H), 4.79-4.89 (m, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.47 (s, 6H)  |   |                    |     |     |       |
| 79  |  | -NH <sub>2</sub>   | -H  | 3.6 | 366.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.54 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 6.50-6.60 (m, 1H), 4.78-4.87 (m, 1H), 1.47 (d, J= 5.7, 6H)  |   |                    |     |     |       |
| 80  |  | -NH <sub>2</sub>   | -H  | 3.5 | 406.1 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.62 (s, 1H), 8.55 (d, 1H), 8.24 (s, 2H), 7.20 (d, J= 8.4, 1H), 6.34 (s, 2H), 4.58-4.63 (m, 2H)   |   |                    |     |     |       |

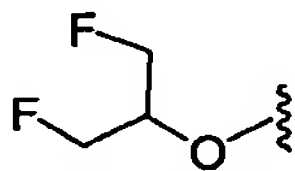
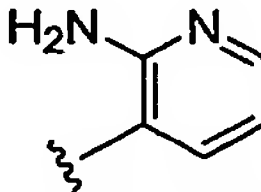
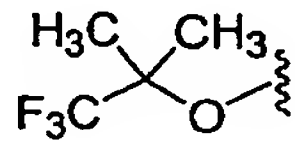
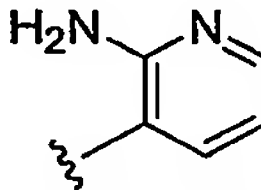
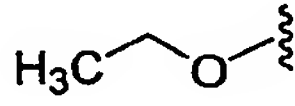
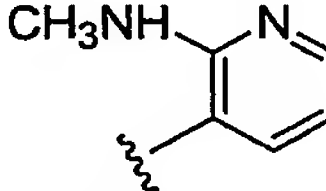
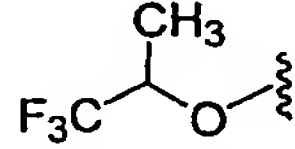
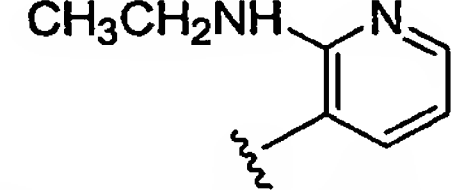


EXAMPLES 81-87

- 5 The following were prepared using procedures analogous to those described in EXAMPLE 19 substituting the appropriate N-HYDROXYAMIDINE for N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1 and the appropriate CARBOXYLIC ACID for 4-(2,2-difluoropropyl)benzoic acid.

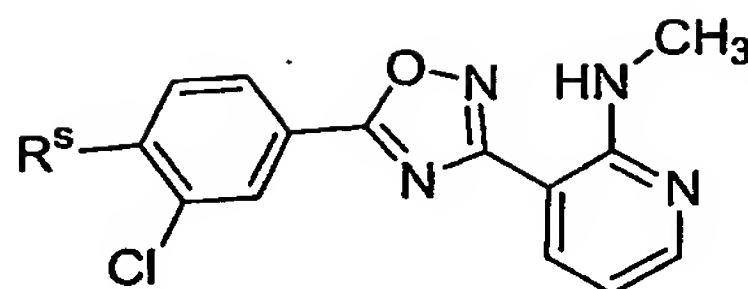


| EXAMPLE   | R <sup>p</sup> | R <sup>q</sup> | HPLC A<br>(min) | ESI-MS<br>(M+H) |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 81  |                |                | 3.7             | 434.2           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 9.14 (s, 1H), 8.50 (s, 1H), 8.42 (d, J= 8.3, 1H), 7.25 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 4.90-5.00 (m, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 1.65 (d, J= 6.2, 3H)   |                |                |                 |                 |
| 82  |                |                | 3.5             | 383.2           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.46 (d, J= 7.0, 1H), 8.37-8.40 (m, 2H), 7.21 (d, J= 8.5, 2H), 6.72-6.78 (m, 1H), 4.91 (s, 1H), 4.82 (s, 1H), 4.49 (s, 1H), 4.44 (s, 1H), 3.23 (d, J= 3.9, 3H)  |                |                |                 |                 |
| 83  |                |                | 4.1             | 379.3           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.87 (d, J= 7.1, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.33 (d, J= 8.2, 1H), 8.01 (d, J= 5.3, 1H), 7.19 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 7.01 (t, J= 6.7, 1H), 4.60-4.66 (m, 1H), 1.83-1.91 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.43 (d, J= 6.0, 3H), 1.06 (t, J= 7.3, 3H) |                |                |                 |                 |

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|--|---|---|------|-------|
| 84   |    |    | 3.7  | 401.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.50-8.51 (m, 1H), 8.39 (d, J= 8.3, 1H), 8.24 (s, 1H), 7.35 (d, J= 8.5, 1H), 6.82-6.88 (m, 1H), 6.50 (s, 2H), 4.96-5.04 (m, 1H), 4.82 (s, 2H), 4.73 (s, 2H)                                    |   |   |      |       |
| 85   |    |    | 3.3  | 433.1 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.88 (d, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.36 (d, J= 8.0, 1H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.48 (d, J= 8.6, 1H), 7.00-7.06 (m, 1H), 1.70 (s, 6H)  |   |   |      |       |
| 86   |  |  | 3.1  | 365.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.46 (s, 2H), 8.34-8.40 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J= 8.7, 2H), 6.72-6.78 (m, 1H), 4.26-4.33 (m, 2H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.54 (t, J= 6.9, 3H)  |   |   |      |       |
| 87   |  |  | 3.40 | 447.1 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.46-8.47 (m, 1H), 8.39 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 8.35 (s, 1H), 7.24 (d, J= 8.7, 1H), 7.10-7.16 (m, 1H), 6.71-6.76 (m, 1H), 4.90-4.98 (m, 1H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 1.65 (d, J= 6.1, 3H), 1.40 (t, J= 7.1, 3H) |   |   |      |       |

EXAMPLES 88-90

- The following were prepared using procedures analogous to those described in EXAMPLE 19 substituting the appropriate N-HYDROXYAMIDINE for N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1 and the appropriate CARBOXYLIC ACID for 4-(2,2-difluoropropyl)benzoic acid.



| EXAMPLE  | R <sup>s</sup>                         | HPLC A<br>(min) | ESI-MS<br>(M+H) |
|--|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| 88   | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CHO-   | 3.12            | 345.2           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.45 (d, J= 6.2, 1H), 8.36 (d, J= 3.9, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 8.08 (d, J= 7.5, 1H), 7.09 (d, J= 8.7, 2H), 6.72-6.78 (m, 1H), 4.71-4.80 (m, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.48 (d, J= 5.9, 6H) |  |                 |                 |
| 89   | CF <sub>3</sub> O-                     | 3.9             | 371.7           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.45 (d, J= 6.7, 1H), 8.39 (s, 2H), 8.19 (d, J= 8.3, 1H), 7.56 (d, J= 8.1, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 6.72-6.79 (m, 1H), 3.24 (s, 3H)  |  |                 |                 |
| 90   | CF <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> )CHO- | 3.9             | 399.3           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.40 (s, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.14 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.21 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.81 (s, 1H), 4.80-4.90 (m, 1H), 3.31 (s, 3H), 1.67 (d, J=5.9 Hz, 3H)                |  |                 |                 |

#### EXAMPLE 91

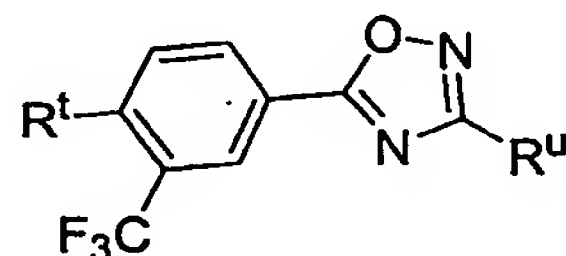
##### 3-(4-Aminopyrimidin-5-yl)-5-(4-cyclohexylphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

5                   The title compound was prepared using procedures analogous to those described in EXAMPLE 19 substituting N-hydroxy (4-aminopyrimidin-5-yl)amidine for N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1 and the appropriate 4-cyclohexylbenzoic acid for 4-(2,2-difluoropropyl)benzoic acid: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 1.31-1.56, (m, 5 H), 1.77-1.90 (m, 5 H), 2.66 (t, 1 H, J= 5.8 Hz), 7.49 (d, 2 H, J= 8.2 Hz), 8.16, (d, 2H, J= 8.2

10   Hz), 8.69, (s, 1 H), 9.10 (s, 1 H); ESI-MS 322 (M+H).

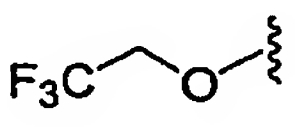
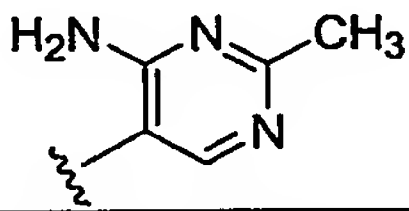
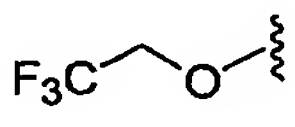
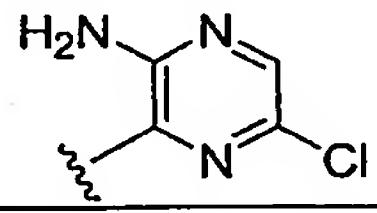
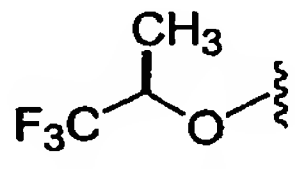
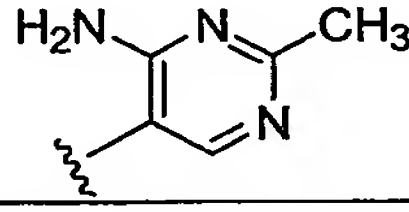
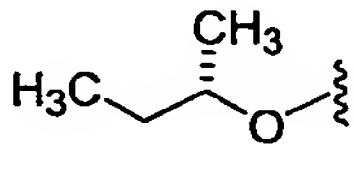
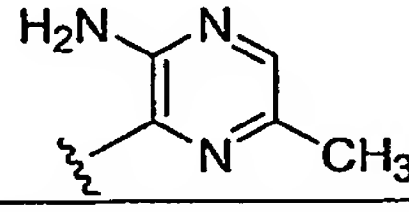
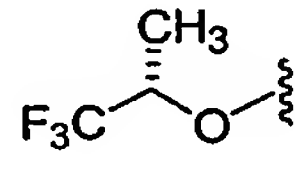
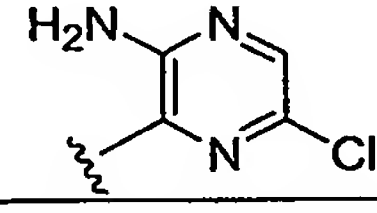
#### EXAMPLES 92-102

The following were prepared using procedures analogous to those described in EXAMPLE 19 substituting the appropriate N-HYDROXYAMIDINE for N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1 and the appropriate CARBOXYLIC ACID for 4-(2,2-difluoropropyl)benzoic acid.



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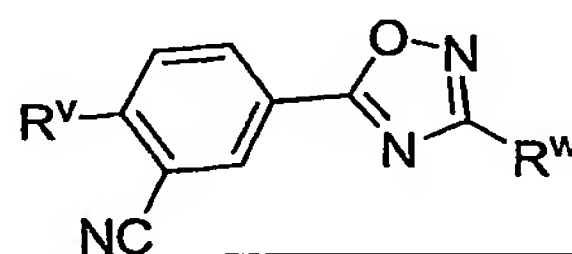
| EXAMPLE   | R <sup>t</sup> | R <sup>u</sup> | HPLC A<br>(min) | ESI-MS<br>(M+H) |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 92  |                |                | 4.7             | 468.1           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 7.37 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.92-5.00 (m, 1H), 3.23 (d, J=4.6 Hz, 3H), 1.67 (d, J=6.2 Hz, 3H)                                       |                |                |                 |                 |
| 93  |                |                | 4.3             | 414.0           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.44 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.19 (d, J=8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (s, 2H), 4.59-4.67 (m, 1H), 1.85-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.78-1.85 (m, 1H), 1.44 (d, J=6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.07 (t, J=7.5 Hz, 3H) |                |                |                 |                 |
| 94  |                |                | 3.1             | 394.0           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 9.16 (s, 1H), 8.44 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.18 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.58-4.67 (m, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 1.82-1.90 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.82 (m, 1H), 1.43 (d, J=6.0 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 3H) |                |                |                 |                 |
| 95  |                |                | 3.0             | 433.9           |

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|---|---|---|-----|-------|
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 9.17 (s, 1H), 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.28 (d, J=8.9 Hz, 1H), 4.92-5.00 (s, 1H), 2.70 (s, 3H), 1.67 (d, J=6.4 Hz, 3H)   |   |   |     |       |
| 96  |    |    | 3.0 | 420.0 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 9.18 (s, 1H), 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 1H), 4.58-4.65 (m, 2H), 2.75 (s, 3H)   |   |   |     |       |
| 97  |    |   | 5.3 | 440.1 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.59 (s, 1H), 8.52 (d, J=8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.36 (s, 2H), 4.58-4.63 (m, 2H)   |   |   |     |       |
| 98  |  |  | 3.0 | 434.1 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.48 (s, 1H), 8.45 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (s, 2H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 1H), 4.92-5.00 (s, 1H), 2.86 (s, 3H), 1.66 (d, J=5.9 Hz, 3H)  |   |   |     |       |
| 99  |  |  | 4.6 | 394.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (s, 1H), 7.18 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 4.58-4.65 (s, 1H), 2.65 (s, 3H), 1.83-1.92 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.83 (m, 1H), 1.43 (d, J=5.8 Hz, 3H), 1.05 (t, J=7.0 Hz, 3H) |   |   |     |       |
| 100   |  |  | 3.9 | 454.1 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.58 (s, 1H), 8.49 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.26 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (s, 2H), 4.90-5.02 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J=6.4 Hz, 3H)   |   |   |     |       |

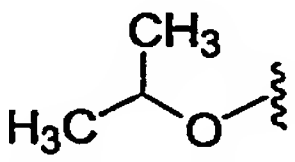
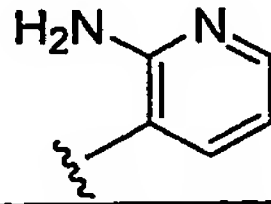
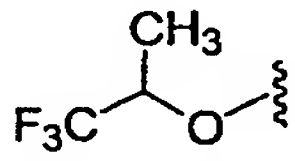
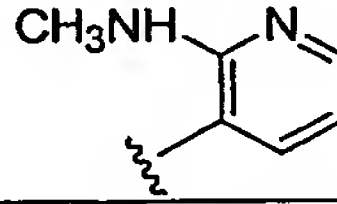
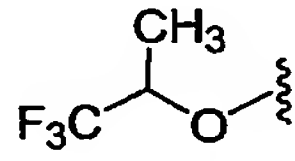
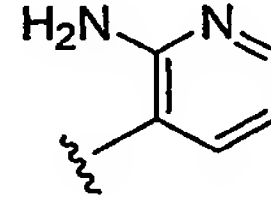
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|---|--|--|-----|-------|
| 101   |  |  | 4.1 | 453.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.21 (s, 1H), 7.25 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (s, 2H), 4.90-4.99 (m, 1H), 1.65 (d, J=5.7 Hz, 3H)           |  |  |     |       |
| 102   |  |  | 4.0 | 448.4 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 8.51 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.99 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.89-4.97 (m, 1H), 3.22 (d, J=3.7 Hz, 3H), 2.55 (s, 3H), 1.64 (d, J=6.0 Hz, 3H) |  |  |     |       |

#### EXAMPLES 103-106

- The following were prepared using procedures analogous to those described in EXAMPLE 19 substituting the appropriate N-HYDROXYAMIDINE for N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 1 and the appropriate CARBOXYLIC ACID for 4-(2,2-difluoropropyl)benzoic acid.



| EXAMPLE  | R <sup>v</sup> | R <sup>w</sup> | HPLC A<br>(min) | ESI-MS<br>(M+H) |
|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 103  |                |                | 3.6             | 336.4           |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.51 (d, J=6.2 Hz, 1H), 8.46 (s, 1H), 8.36-8.43 (m, 2H), 7.18 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (s, 1H), 4.80-4.92 (m, 1H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.53 (d, J=5.7 Hz, 6H) |                |                |                 |                 |

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|--|---|---|-----|-------|
| 104  |    |    | 2.8 | 322.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.62 (d, J=7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H), 8.38 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d, J=4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (s, 2H), 6.90-6.96 (m, 1H), 4.82-4.89 (m, 1H), 1.53 (d, J=5.9 Hz, 6H) |   |   |     |       |
| 105  |    |    | 2.9 | 390.0 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.51 (s, 1H), 8.45-8.49 (m, 1H), 8.43 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (s, 1H), 7.26 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (s, 2H), 4.90-4.99 (m, 1H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 1.70 (d, J=5.9 Hz, 3H)                     |   |   |     |       |
| 106  |  |  | 4.7 | 376.2 |
| <sup>1</sup> H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl <sub>3</sub> ): δ 8.87 (d, J=7.1 Hz, 1H), 8.53 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d, J=8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.04 (d, J=5.2 Hz, 2H), 7.02-7.07 (m, 1H), 4.92-4.99 (m, 1H), 1.72 (d, J=6.1 Hz, 3H)                                       |   |   |     |       |

## EXAMPLE 107

3-(2-Amino-5-fluoropyridin-3-yl)-5-(3-trifluoromethyl-4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(S)-propyloxy))phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

- 5 To a mixture of CARBOXYLIC ACID 15 (53 mg, 0.176 mmol) in acetonitrile (1.0 mL), EDC·HCl (34 mg, 0.176 mmol) was added. After 30 min, the resultant solution was added to a mixture of N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 11 and acetonitrile (1.0 mL) in a sealed tube and heated to 40 °C. After 4 hr, the reaction mixture was heated to 120 °C for 20 hr. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient
- 10 temperature, concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash chromatography (10, 15% EtOAc/hexanes) on SiO<sub>2</sub> to afford 40 mg of the title compound as a white film. This material was further purified by HPLC. Conditions: Chiralcel OD 4.6 x 250 mm column, 60:40 v/v heptane/*i*PrOH, 1.0 mL/min, λ = 210 nM. (R)-enantiomer = 12.6

min, (S)-enantiomer = 13.7 min:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.61 (d, 3 H,  $J = 6.4$  Hz), 4.91 (septet, 1 H,  $J = 6.1$  Hz), 6.06 (br, 2 H), 7.22 (d, 1 H,  $J = 8.9$  Hz), 8.13, (d, 1 H,  $J = 3.0$  Hz), 8.20 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 3.0, 8.7$  Hz), 8.37 (d, 1 H,  $J = 2.0, 8.7$  Hz), 8.48 (d, 1 H,  $J = 2.0$  Hz); HPLC/MS (HPLC A): 437 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ , 3.89 min.

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#### EXAMPLE 108

##### 3-(2-(N-Methylamino)-5-fluoropyridin-3-yl)-5-(3-trifluoromethyl-4-(1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(S)-propyloxy))phenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

The title compound was prepared using a procedure analogous to that described for EXAMPLE 107 substituting N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 10 for N-HYDROXYAMIDINE 11:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  1.62 (d, 3 H,  $J = 6.6$  Hz), 3.15 (d, 3 H,  $J = 4.8$  Hz), 4.91 (septet, 1 H,  $J = 6.0$  Hz), 6.95 (d, 1 H,  $J = 4.1$  Hz), 7.21, (d, 1 H,  $J = 8.9$  Hz), 8.19 (dd,  $J = 3.0, 8.7$  Hz), 8.22 (d, 1 H,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 8.36 (dd, 1 H,  $J = 2.1, 8.7$  Hz), 8.47 (d, 1 H,  $J = 2.1$  Hz); HPLC/MS (HPLC A): 451 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^+$ , 4.18 min.

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#### BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

The S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1, S1P<sub>3</sub>/Edg3, S1P<sub>2</sub>/Edg5, S1P<sub>4</sub>/Edg6 or S1P<sub>5</sub>/Edg8 activity of the compounds of the present invention can be evaluated using the following assays:

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##### Ligand Binding to Edg/S1P Receptors Assay

$^{33}\text{P}$ -sphingosine-1-phosphate was synthesized enzymatically from  $\gamma^{33}\text{P}$ -ATP and sphingosine using a crude yeast extract with sphingosine kinase activity in a reaction mix containing 50 mM  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ , 1 mM mercaptoethanol, 1 mM  $\text{Na}_3\text{VO}_4$ , 25 mM KF, 2 mM semicarbazide, 1 mM  $\text{Na}_2\text{EDTA}$ , 5 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , 50 mM sphingosine, 0.1% TritonX-114, and 1 mCi  $\gamma^{33}\text{P}$ -ATP (NEN; specific activity 3000 Ci/mmol). Reaction products were extracted with butanol and  $^{33}\text{P}$ -sphingosine-1-phosphate was purified by HPLC.

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Cells expressing EDG/S1P receptors were harvested with enzyme-free dissociation solution (Specialty Media, Lavallette, NJ). They were washed once in cold PBS and suspended in binding assay buffer consisting of 50 mM HEPES-Na, pH 7.5, 5mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>, and 0.5% fatty acid-free BSA. <sup>33</sup>P-sphingosine-1-phosphate was sonicated with 0.1 nM sphingosine-1-phosphate in binding assay buffer; 100 µl of the ligand mixture was added to 100 µl cells (1 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml) in a 96 well microtiter dish. Binding was performed for 60 min at room temperature with gentle mixing. Cells were then collected onto GF/B filter plates with a Packard Filtermate Universal Harvester. After drying the filter plates for 30 min, 40 µl of Microscint 20 was added to each well and binding was measured on a Wallac Microbeta Scintillation Counter. Non-specific binding was defined as the amount of radioactivity remaining in the presence of 0.5 µM cold sphingosine-1-phosphate.

Alternatively, ligand binding assays were performed on membranes prepared from cells expressing Edg/S1P receptors. Cells were harvested with enzyme-free dissociation solution and washed once in cold PBS. Cells were disrupted by homogenization in ice cold 20 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 10 mM EDTA using a Kinematica polytron (setting 5, for 10 seconds). Homogenates were centrifuged at 48,000 x g for 15 min at 4°C and the pellet was suspended in 20 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 0.1 mM EDTA. Following a second centrifugation, the final pellet was suspended in 20 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>. Ligand binding assays were performed as described above, using 0.5 to 2 µg of membrane protein.

Agonists and antagonists of Edg/S1P receptors can be identified in the <sup>33</sup>P-sphingosine-1-phosphate binding assay. Compounds diluted in DMSO, methanol, or other solvent, were mixed with probe containing <sup>33</sup>P-sphingosine-1-phosphate and binding assay buffer in microtiter dishes. Membranes prepared from cells expressing Edg/S1P receptors were added, and binding to <sup>33</sup>P-sphingosine-1-phosphate was performed as described. Determination of the amount of binding in the presence of varying concentrations of compound and analysis of the data by non-linear regression software such as MRLCalc (Merck Research Laboratories) or PRISM (GraphPad Software) was used to measure the affinity of compounds for the receptor. Selectivity of compounds for Edg/S1P receptors was determined by measuring the level of <sup>33</sup>P-sphingosine-1-phosphate binding in the presence of the

compound using membranes prepared from cells transfected with each respective receptor (S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1, S1P<sub>3</sub>/Edg3, S1P<sub>2</sub>/Edg5, S1P<sub>4</sub>/Edg6, S1P<sub>5</sub>/Edg8).

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#### 35S-GTPγS Binding Assay

Functional coupling of S1P/Edg receptors to G proteins was measured in a 35S-GTPγS binding assay. Membranes prepared as described in the Ligand Binding to Edg/S1P Receptors Assay (1-10 μg of membrane protein) were incubated  
10 in a 200 μl volume containing 20 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 5 μM GDP, 0.1% fatty acid-free BSA (Sigma, catalog A8806), various concentrations of sphingosine-1-phosphate, and 125 pM 35S-GTPγS (NEN; specific activity 1250 Ci/mmol) in 96 well microtiter dishes. Binding was performed for 1 hour at room temperature with gentle mixing, and terminated by harvesting the membranes onto  
15 GF/B filter plates with a Packard Filtermate Universal Harvester. After drying the filter plates for 30 min, 40 μl of Microscint 20 was added to each well and binding was measured on a Wallac Microbeta Scintillation Counter.

Agonists and antagonists of S1P/Edg receptors can be discriminated in the 35S-GTPγS binding assay. Compounds diluted in DMSO, methanol, or other  
20 solvent, were added to microtiter dishes to provide final assay concentrations of 0.01 nM to 10 μM. Membranes prepared from cells expressing S1P/Edg receptors were added, and binding to 35S-GTPγS was performed as described. When assayed in the absence of the natural ligand or other known agonist, compounds that stimulate 35S-GTPγS binding above the endogenous level were considered agonists, while  
25 compounds that inhibit the endogenous level of 35S-GTPγS binding were considered inverse agonists. Antagonists were detected in a 35S-GTPγS binding assay in the presence of a sub-maximal level of natural ligand or known S1P/Edg receptor agonist, where the compounds reduced the level of 35S-GTPγS binding. Determination of the amount of binding in the presence of varying concentrations of compound was used to  
30 measure the potency of compounds as agonists, inverse agonists, or antagonists of S1P/Edg receptors. To evaluate agonists, percent stimulation over basal was calculated as binding in the presence of compound divided by binding in the absence of ligand, multiplied by 100. Dose response curves were plotted using a non-linear

regression curve fitting program MRLCalc (Merck Research Laboratories), and EC<sub>50</sub> values were defined to be the concentration of agonist required to give 50% of its own maximal stimulation. Selectivity of compounds for S1P/Edg receptors was determined by measuring the level of <sup>35</sup>S-GTPγS binding in the presence of compound using  
5 membranes prepared from cells transfected with each respective receptor.

#### Intracellular Calcium Flux Assay

Functional coupling of S1P/Edg receptors to G protein associated intracellular calcium mobilization was measured using FLIPR (Fluorescence Imaging  
10 Plate Reader, Molecular Devices). Cells expressing S1P/Edg receptors were harvested and washed once with assay buffer (Hanks Buffered Saline Solution (BRL) containing 20mM HEPES, 0.1% BSA and 710 μg/ml probenidol (Sigma)). Cells were labeled in the same buffer containing 500 nM of the calcium sensitive dye Fluo-4 (Molecular Probes) for 1 hour at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. The cells were washed twice  
15 with buffer before plating 1.5x10<sup>5</sup> per well (90μl) in 96 well polylysine coated black microtiter dishes. A 96-well ligand plate was prepared by diluting sphingosine-1-phosphate or other agonists into 200 μl of assay buffer to give a concentration that was 2-fold the final test concentration. The ligand plate and the cell plate were loaded into the FLIPR instrument for analysis. Plates were equilibrated to 37°C. The assay  
20 was initiated by transferring an equal volume of ligand to the cell plate and the calcium flux was recorded over a 3 min interval. Cellular response was quantitated as area (sum) or maximal peak height (max). Agonists were evaluated in the absence of natural ligand by dilution of compounds into the appropriate solvent and transfer to the Fluo-4 labeled cells. Antagonists were evaluated by pretreating Fluo-4 labeled  
25 cells with varying concentrations of compounds for 15 min prior to the initiation of calcium flux by addition of the natural ligand or other S1P/Edg receptor agonist.

#### Preparation of Cells Expressing S1P/Edg Receptors

Any of a variety of procedures may be used to clone S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg<sub>1</sub>,  
30 S1P<sub>3</sub>/Edg<sub>3</sub>, S1P<sub>2</sub>/Edg<sub>5</sub>, S1P<sub>4</sub>/Edg<sub>6</sub> or S1P<sub>5</sub>/Edg<sub>8</sub>. These methods include, but are not limited to, (1) a RACE PCR cloning technique (Frohman, et al., 1988, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 85: 8998-9002). 5' and/or 3' RACE may be performed to generate a

full-length cDNA sequence; (2) direct functional expression of the Edg/S1P cDNA following the construction of an S1P/Edg-containing cDNA library in an appropriate expression vector system; (3) screening an S1P/Edg-containing cDNA library constructed in a bacteriophage or plasmid shuttle vector with a labeled degenerate  
5 oligonucleotide probe designed from the amino acid sequence of the S1P/Edg protein; (4) screening an S1P/Edg-containing cDNA library constructed in a bacteriophage or plasmid shuttle vector with a partial cDNA encoding the S1P/Edg protein. This partial cDNA is obtained by the specific PCR amplification of S1P/Edg DNA fragments through the design of degenerate oligonucleotide primers from the amino  
10 acid sequence known for other proteins which are related to the S1P/Edg protein; (5) screening an S1P/Edg-containing cDNA library constructed in a bacteriophage or plasmid shuttle vector with a partial cDNA or oligonucleotide with homology to a mammalian S1P/Edg protein. This strategy may also involve using gene-specific oligonucleotide primers for PCR amplification of S1P/Edg cDNA; or (6) designing 5'  
15 and 3' gene specific oligonucleotides using the S1P/Edg nucleotide sequence as a template so that either the full-length cDNA may be generated by known RACE techniques, or a portion of the coding region may be generated by these same known RACE techniques to generate and isolate a portion of the coding region to use as a probe to screen one of numerous types of cDNA and/or genomic libraries in order to  
20 isolate a full-length version of the nucleotide sequence encoding S1P/Edg.

It is readily apparent to those skilled in the art that other types of libraries, as well as libraries constructed from other cell types-or species types, may be useful for isolating an S1P/Edg-encoding DNA or an S1P/Edg homologue. Other types of libraries include, but are not limited to, cDNA libraries derived from other  
25 cells.

It is readily apparent to those skilled in the art that suitable cDNA libraries may be prepared from cells or cell lines which have S1P/Edg activity. The selection of cells or cell lines for use in preparing a cDNA library to isolate a cDNA encoding S1P/Edg may be done by first measuring cell-associated S1P/Edg activity  
30 using any known assay available for such a purpose.

Preparation of cDNA libraries can be performed by standard techniques well known in the art. Well known cDNA library construction techniques can be found for example, in Sambrook et al., 1989, *Molecular Cloning: A*

*Laboratory Manual*; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, New York. Complementary DNA libraries may also be obtained from numerous commercial sources, including but not limited to Clontech Laboratories, Inc. and Stratagene.

5 An expression vector containing DNA encoding an S1P/Edg-like protein may be used for expression of S1P/Edg in a recombinant host cell. Such recombinant host cells can be cultured under suitable conditions to produce S1P/Edg or a biologically equivalent form. Expression vectors may include, but are not limited to, cloning vectors, modified cloning vectors, specifically designed plasmids or viruses. Commercially available mammalian expression vectors may be suitable for  
10 recombinant S1P/Edg expression.

Recombinant host cells may be prokaryotic or eukaryotic, including but not limited to, bacteria such as *E. coli*, fungal cells such as yeast, mammalian cells including, but not limited to, cell lines of bovine, porcine, monkey and rodent origin; and insect cells including but not limited to *Drosophila* and silkworm derived cell  
15 lines.

The nucleotide sequences for the various S1P/Edg receptors are known in the art. See, for example, the following:

S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1 Human

Hla, T. and T. Maciag 1990 An abundant transcript induced in  
20 differentiating human endothelial cells encodes a polypeptide with structural similarities to G-protein coupled receptors. J. Biol Chem. 265:9308-9313, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

WO91/15583, published on October 17, 1991, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

25 WO99/46277, published on September 16, 1999, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1 Mouse

WO0059529, published October 12, 2000, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

30 U.S. No. 6,323,333, granted November 27, 2001, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.



S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1 Rat

Lado, D.C., C. S. Browe, A.A. Gaskin, J. M. Borden, and A. J. MacLennan. 1994 Cloning of the rat edg-1 immediate-early gene: expression pattern suggests diverse functions. Gene 149: 331-336, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

U.S. No. 5,585,476, granted December 17, 1996, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

U.S. No. 5856,443, granted January 5, 1999, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

S1P<sub>3</sub>/Edg3 Human

An, S., T. Bleu, W. Huang, O.G. Hallmark, S. R. Coughlin, E.J. Goetzl 1997 Identification of cDNAs encoding two G protein-coupled receptors for lysosphingolipids FEBS Lett. 417:279-282, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

WO 99/60019, published November 25, 1999, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

U.S. No. 6,130,067, granted October 10, 2000, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

S1P<sub>3</sub>/Edg3 Mouse

WO 01/11022, published February 15, 2001, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

S1P<sub>3</sub>/Edg3 Rat

WO 01/27137, published April 19, 2001, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

S1P<sub>2</sub>/Edg5 Human

An, S., Y. Zheng, T. Bleu 2000 Sphingosine 1-Phosphate-induced cell proliferation, survival, and related signaling events mediated by G Protein-coupled

receptors Edg3 and Edg5. J. Biol. Chem 275: 288-296, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

WO 99/35259, published July 15, 1999, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

5 WO99/54351, published October 28, 1999, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

WO 00/56135, published September 28, 2000, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

10 S1P<sub>2</sub>/Edg5 Mouse

WO 00/60056, published October 12, 2000, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

S1P<sub>2</sub>/Edg5 Rat

15 Okazaki, H., N. Ishizaka, T. Sakurai, K. Kurokawa, K. Goto, M. Kumada, Y. Takuwa 1993 Molecular cloning of a novel putative G protein-coupled receptor expressed in the cardiovascular system. Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm. 190:1104-1109, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

MacLennan, A.J., C. S. Browe, A.A. Gaskin, D.C. Lado, G. Shaw  
20 1994 Cloning and characterization of a putative G-protein coupled receptor potentially involved in development. Mol. Cell. Neurosci. 5: 201-209, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

U.S. No. 5,585,476, granted December 17, 1996, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

25 U.S. No. 5856,443, granted January 5, 1999, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

S1P<sub>4</sub>/Edg6 Human

30 Graler, M.H., G. Bernhardt, M. Lipp 1998 EDG6, a novel G-protein-coupled receptor related to receptors for bioactive lysophospholipids, is specifically expressed in lymphoid tissue. Genomics 53: 164-169, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

WO 98/48016, published October 29, 1998, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

U.S. No. 5,912,144, granted June 15, 1999, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

5 WO 98/50549, published November 12, 1998, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

U.S. No. 6,060,272, granted May 9, 2000, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

10 WO 99/35106, published July 15, 1999, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

WO 00/15784, published March 23, 2000, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

WO 00/14233, published March 16, 2000, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

15 S1P<sub>4</sub>/Edg6 Mouse

WO 00/15784, published March 23, 2000, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

20 S1P<sub>5</sub>/Edg8 Human

Im, D.-S., J. Clemens, T.L. Macdonald, K.R. Lynch 2001  
Characterization of the human and mouse sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor, S1P<sub>5</sub>  
(Edg-8): Structure-Activity relationship of sphingosine 1-phosphate receptors.  
Biochemistry 40:14053-14060, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

25 WO 00/11166, published March 2, 2000, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

WO 00/31258, published June 2, 2000, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

30 WO 01/04139, published January 18, 2001, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

EP 1 090 925, published April 11, 2001, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.



S1P<sub>5</sub>/Edg8 Rat

Im, D.-S., C.E. Heise, N. Ancellin, B. F. O'Dowd, G.-J. Shei, R. P. Heavens, M. R. Rigby, T. Hla, S. Mandala, G. McAllister, S.R. George, K.R. Lynch 2000 Characterization of a novel sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor, Edg-8. J. Biol. Chem. 275: 14281-14286, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

WO 01/05829, published January 25, 2001, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Measurement of cardiovascular effects

10 The effects of compounds of the present invention on cardiovascular parameters can be evaluated by the following procedure:

Adult male rats (approx. 350 g body weight) were instrumented with femoral arterial and venous catheters for measurement of arterial pressure and intravenous compound administration, respectively. Animals were anesthetized with Nembutal (55 mg/kg, ip). Blood pressure and heart rate were recorded on the Gould Po-Ne-Mah data acquisition system. Heart rate was derived from the arterial pulse wave. Following an acclimation period, a baseline reading was taken (approximately 20 minutes) and the data averaged. Compound was administered intravenously (either bolus injection of approximately 5 seconds or infusion of 15 minutes duration), and data were recorded every 1 minute for 60 minutes post compound administration. Data are calculated as either the peak change in heart rate or mean arterial pressure or are calculated as the area under the curve for changes in heart rate or blood pressure versus time. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM. A one-tailed Student's paired t-test is used for statistical comparison to baseline values and considered significant at p<0.05.

25 The S1P effects on the rat cardiovascular system are described in Sugiyama, A., N.N. Aye, Y. Yatomi, Y. Ozaki, K. Hashimoto 2000 Effects of Sphingosine-1-Phosphate, a naturally occurring biologically active lysophospholipid, on the rat cardiovascular system. Jpn. J. Pharmacol. 82: 338-342, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

#### Measurement of Mouse Acute Toxicity

A single mouse is dosed intravenously (tail vein) with 0.1 ml of test compound dissolved in a non-toxic vehicle and is observed for signs of toxicity. Severe signs may include death, seizure, paralysis or unconsciousness. Milder signs are also noted and may include ataxia, labored breathing, ruffling or reduced activity relative to normal. Upon noting signs, the dosing solution is diluted in the same vehicle. The diluted dose is administered in the same fashion to a second mouse and is likewise observed for signs. The process is repeated until a dose is reached that produces no signs. This is considered the estimated no-effect level. An additional mouse is dosed at this level to confirm the absence of signs.

#### Assessment of Lymphopenia

Compounds are administered as described in Measurement of Mouse Acute Toxicity and lymphopenia is assessed in mice at three hours post dose as follows. After rendering a mouse unconscious by CO<sub>2</sub> to effect, the chest is opened, 0.5 ml of blood is withdrawn via direct cardiac puncture, blood is immediately stabilized with EDTA and hematology is evaluated using a clinical hematology autoanalyzer calibrated for performing murine differential counts (H2000, CARESIDE, Culver City CA). Reduction in lymphocytes by test treatment is established by comparison of hematological parameters of three mice versus three vehicle treated mice. The dose used for this evaluation is determined by tolerability using a modification of the dilution method above. For this purpose, no-effect is desirable, mild effects are acceptable and severely toxic doses are serially diluted to levels that produce only mild effects.

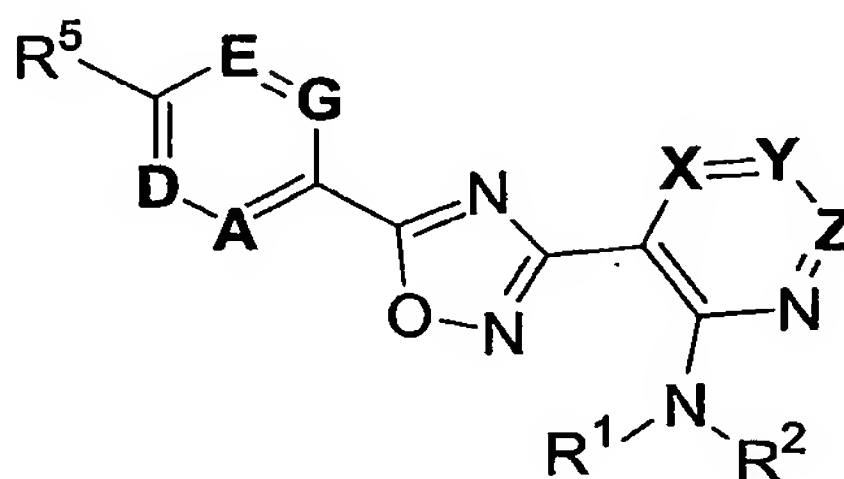
#### In Vitro Activity of Examples

The examples disclosed herein have utility as immunoregulatory agents as demonstrated by their activity as potent and selective agonists of the S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1 receptor over the S1P<sub>3</sub>/Edg3 receptor as measured in the assays described above. In particular, the examples disclosed herein possess a selectivity for the S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1 receptor over the S1P<sub>3</sub>/Edg3 receptor of more than 100 fold as measured by the ratio of EC<sub>50</sub> for the S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1 receptor to the EC<sub>50</sub> for the S1P<sub>3</sub>/Edg3 receptor as evaluated in the <sup>35</sup>S-GTPγS binding assay described above

and possess an EC<sub>50</sub> for binding to the S1P<sub>1</sub>/Edg1 receptor of less than 50 nM as evaluated by the <sup>35</sup>S-GTPγS binding assay described above.

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound represented by Formula I



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

A is C-R<sup>3</sup> or N,

D is C-R<sup>4</sup> or N,

E is C-R<sup>6</sup> or N and

G is C-R<sup>7</sup> or N,

with the proviso that at least one of A, D, E and G is not N;

X, Y and Z are independently selected from the group consisting of: N and C-R<sup>8</sup>,  
with the proviso that at least one of X, Y and Z is not N;

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen and
- (2) C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halo groups,

or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> may be joined together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached to form a 3- to 6-membered saturated monocyclic ring;

R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of:

- 5
- (1) hydrogen,
  - (2) halo
  - (3) cyano, and
  - (4) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halo groups;

R<sup>5</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:

- 10
- (1) C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,
  - (2) C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl,
  - (3) C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl,
  - (4) C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl,
  - (5) C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy,
  - 15 (6) C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkoxy,
  - (7) C<sub>1-6</sub>acyl,
  - (8) halo,
  - (9) aryl and
  - (10) HET,

20 wherein groups (1) to (7) above are optionally substituted with from one up to the maximum number of substituable positions with halo, and

groups (9) and (10) above are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of:

- 25
- (a) halo, and
  - (b) C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, each optionally substituted with oxo, hydroxy or 1 to 3 halo groups,

30 or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> may be joined together with the atoms to which they are attached to form a 5 or 6-membered monocyclic ring, optionally containing 1 to 3 heteratoms selected from O, S and NR<sup>8</sup>, said ring optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halo, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, said C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halo groups;

each R<sup>8</sup> is independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, halo and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, wherein said C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl is optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halo groups; and

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HET is selected from the group consisting of: benzimidazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzopyrazolyl, benzotriazolyl, benzothiophenyl, benzoxazolyl, carbazolyl, carbolinyl, cinnolinyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, indolinyl, indolyl, indolaziny, indazolyl, isobenzofuranyl, isoindolyl, isoquinolyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, naphthyridinyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrazinyl, pyrazolyl, pyridopyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, pyrrolyl, quinazolinyl, quinolyl, quinoxalinyl, thiadiazolyl, thiazolyl, thienyl, triazolyl, azetidyl, 1,4-dioxanyl, hexahydroazepinyl, piperazinyl, piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, dihydrobenzimidazolyl, dihydrobenzofuranyl, dihydrobenzothiophenyl, dihydrobenzoxazolyl, dihydrofuranyl, dihydroimidazolyl, dihydroindolyl, dihydroisooxazolyl, dihydroisothiazolyl, dihydrooxadiazolyl, dihydrooxazolyl, dihydropyrazinyl, dihydropyrazolyl, dihydropyridinyl, dihydropyrimidinyl, dihydropyrrolyl, dihydroquinolinyl, dihydrotetrazolyl, dihydrothiadiazolyl, dihydrothiazolyl, dihydrothienyl, dihydrotriazolyl, dihydroazetidyl, methylenedioxybenzoyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, and tetrahydrothienyl.

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2. The compound according to Claim 1 wherein:

A is N,

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D is C-R<sup>4</sup>,

E is C-R<sup>6</sup> and

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G is C-R<sup>7</sup>.

3. The compound according to Claim 1 wherein:

A is C-R<sup>3</sup>,

D is C-R<sup>4</sup>,

5 E is C-R<sup>6</sup> and

G is C-R<sup>7</sup>.

10 4. The compound according to Claim 3 wherein X, Y and Z are C-R<sup>8</sup>.

5. The compound according to Claim 3 wherein R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are hydrogen.

15 6. The compound according to Claim 5 wherein R<sup>4</sup> is trifluoromethyl or cyano.

7. The compound according to Claim 3 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are  
20 each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl and ethyl.

8. The compound according to Claim 3 wherein R<sup>5</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:

- 25 (1) C<sub>2-6</sub>alkyl,  
(2) C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl,  
(3) C<sub>2-6</sub>alkoxy,  
(4) C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkoxy, and  
(5) C<sub>3-6</sub>acyl,

wherein groups (1) to (5) above are optionally substituted with 1 to 5 fluoro groups.

30 9. The compound according to Claim 8 wherein R<sup>5</sup> is C<sub>2-6</sub>alkoxy, optionally substituted with 1 to 5 fluoro groups.

10. The compound according to Claim 3 wherein R<sup>5</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:
- (1) phenyl, optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of: halo, methyl, methoxy and hydroxymethyl,
  - (2) oxadiazolyl,
  - (3) oxazolyl,
  - (4) furanyl and
  - (5) thienyl.
11. The compound according to Claim 3 wherein X is N and Y and Z are both C-R<sup>8</sup>.
12. The compound according to Claim 3 wherein X and Z are both C-R<sup>8</sup> and Y is N.
13. The compound according to Claim 3, wherein:
- R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen and methyl,
  - R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are hydrogen,
  - R<sup>4</sup> is trifluoromethyl or cyano, and
  - R<sup>5</sup> is C<sub>2-6</sub>alkoxy, optionally substituted with 1 to 5 fluoro groups.
14. The compound according to Claim 13 wherein R<sup>5</sup> is selected from 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy and 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-methylethoxy.
15. The compound according to Claim 14 wherein X, Y and Z are C-R<sup>8</sup> and each R<sup>8</sup> is independently selected from hydrogen, methyl and halo.



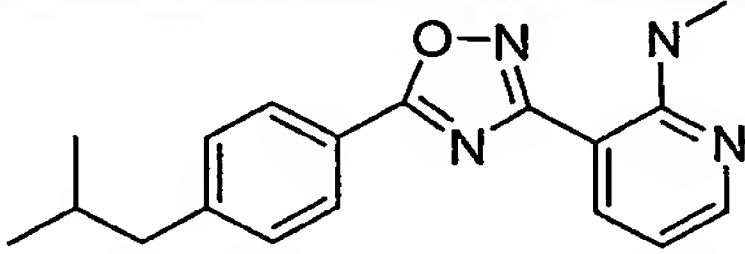
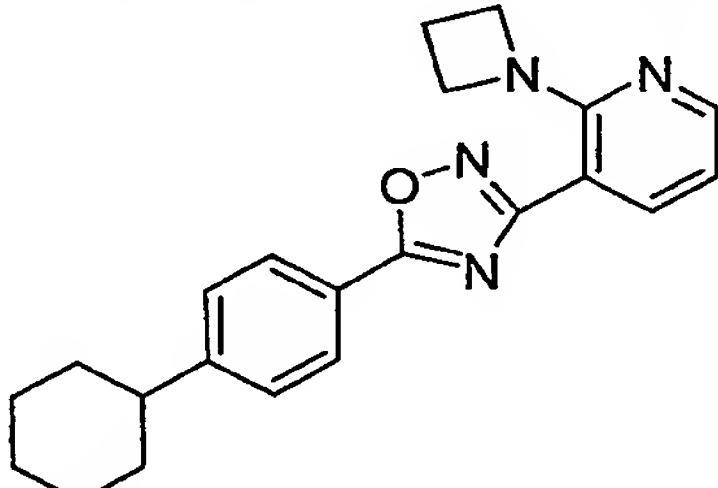
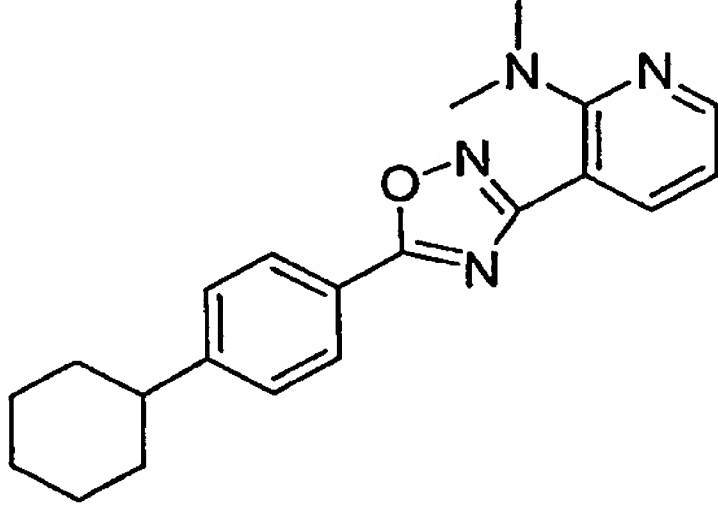
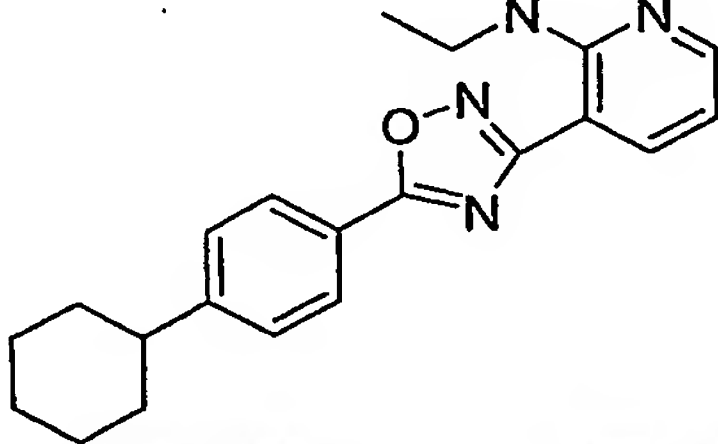
16. The compound according to Claim 14 wherein X is N and Y and Z are both C-R<sup>8</sup> and each R<sup>8</sup> is independently selected from hydrogen, methyl and halo.

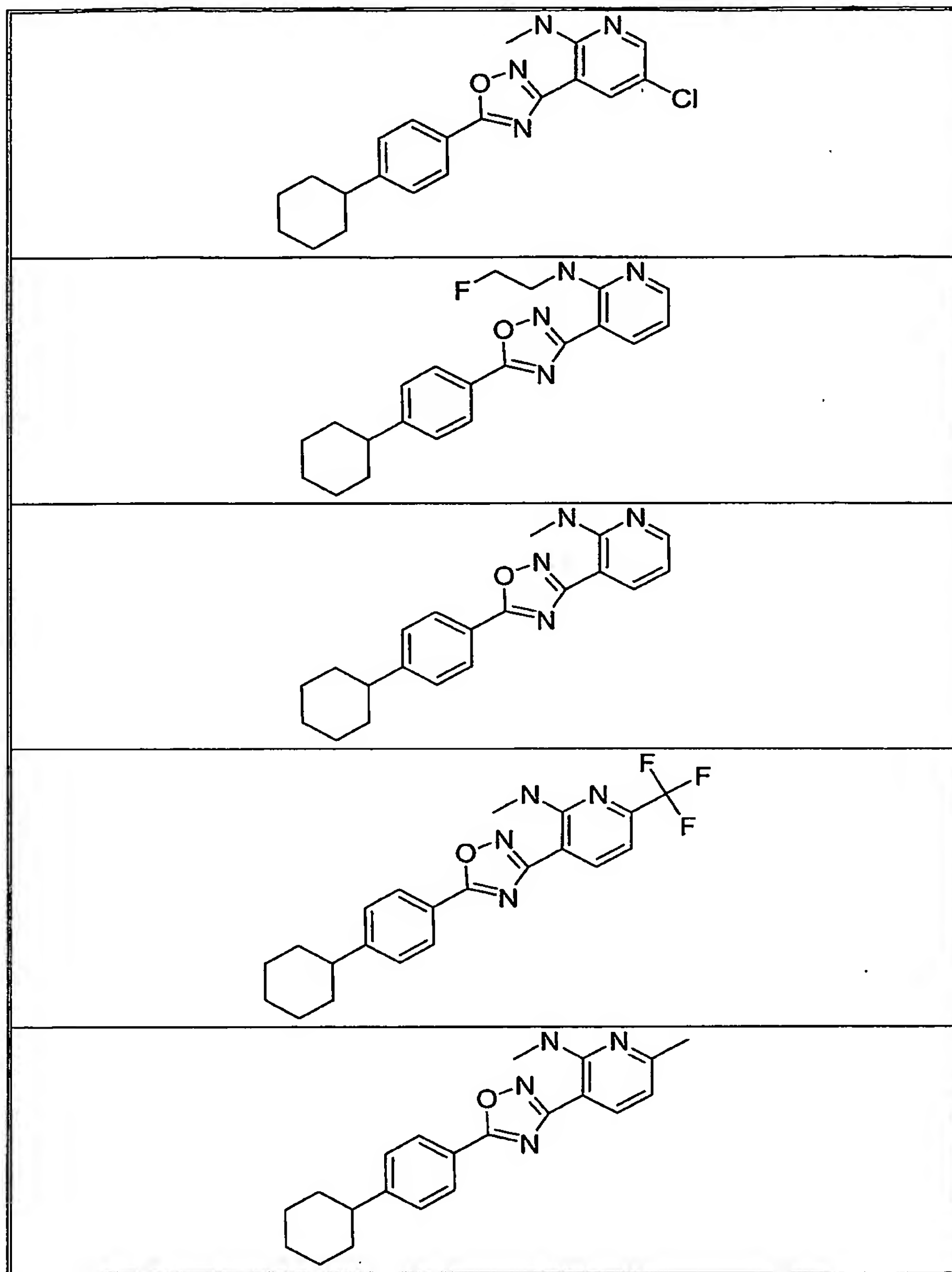
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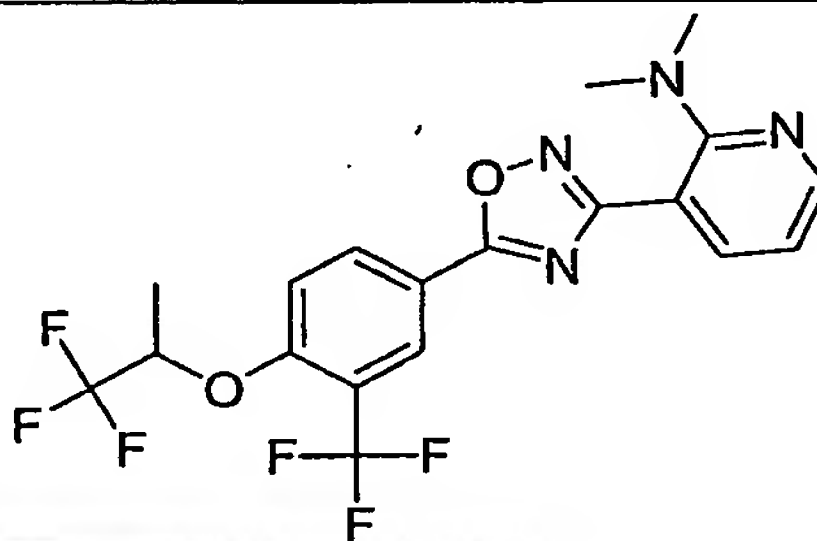
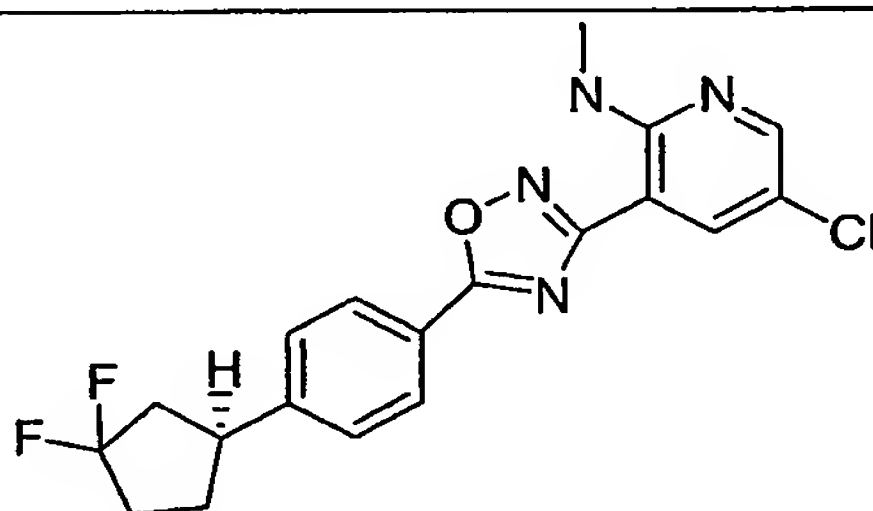
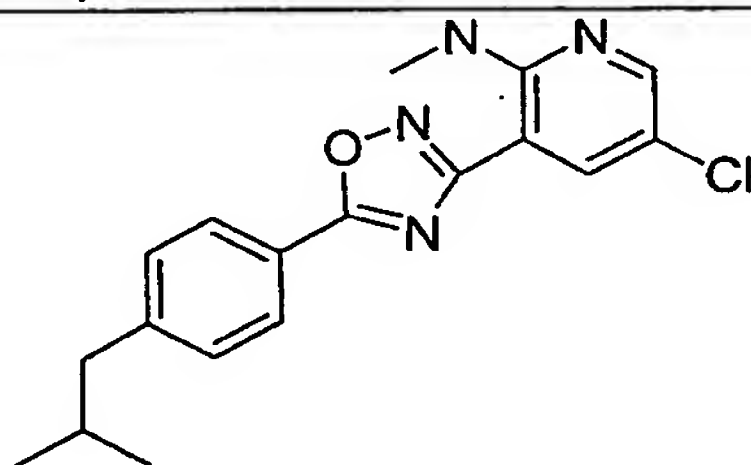
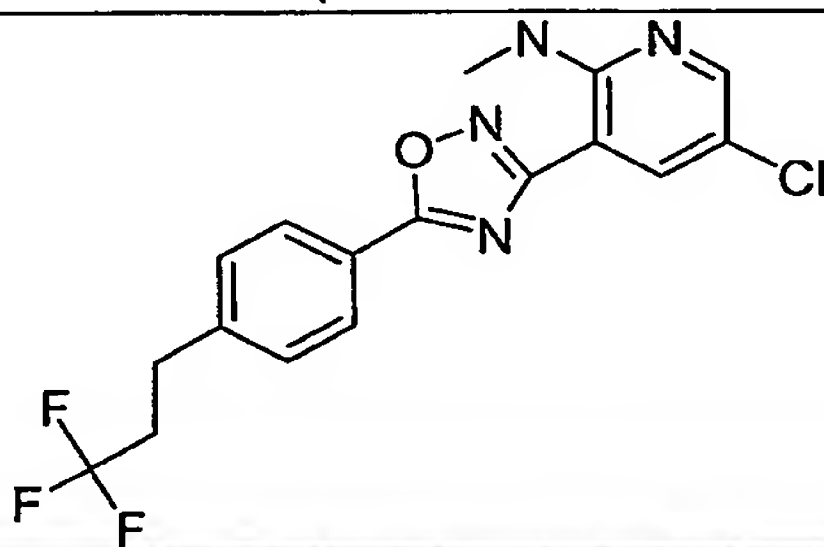
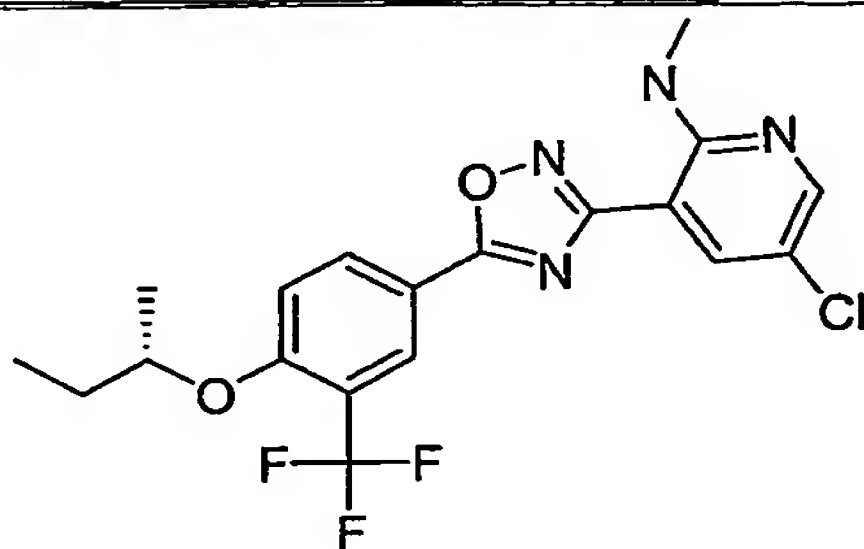
17. The compound according to Claim 14 wherein X and Z are both C-R<sup>8</sup> and Y is N and each R<sup>8</sup> is independently selected from hydrogen, methyl and halo.

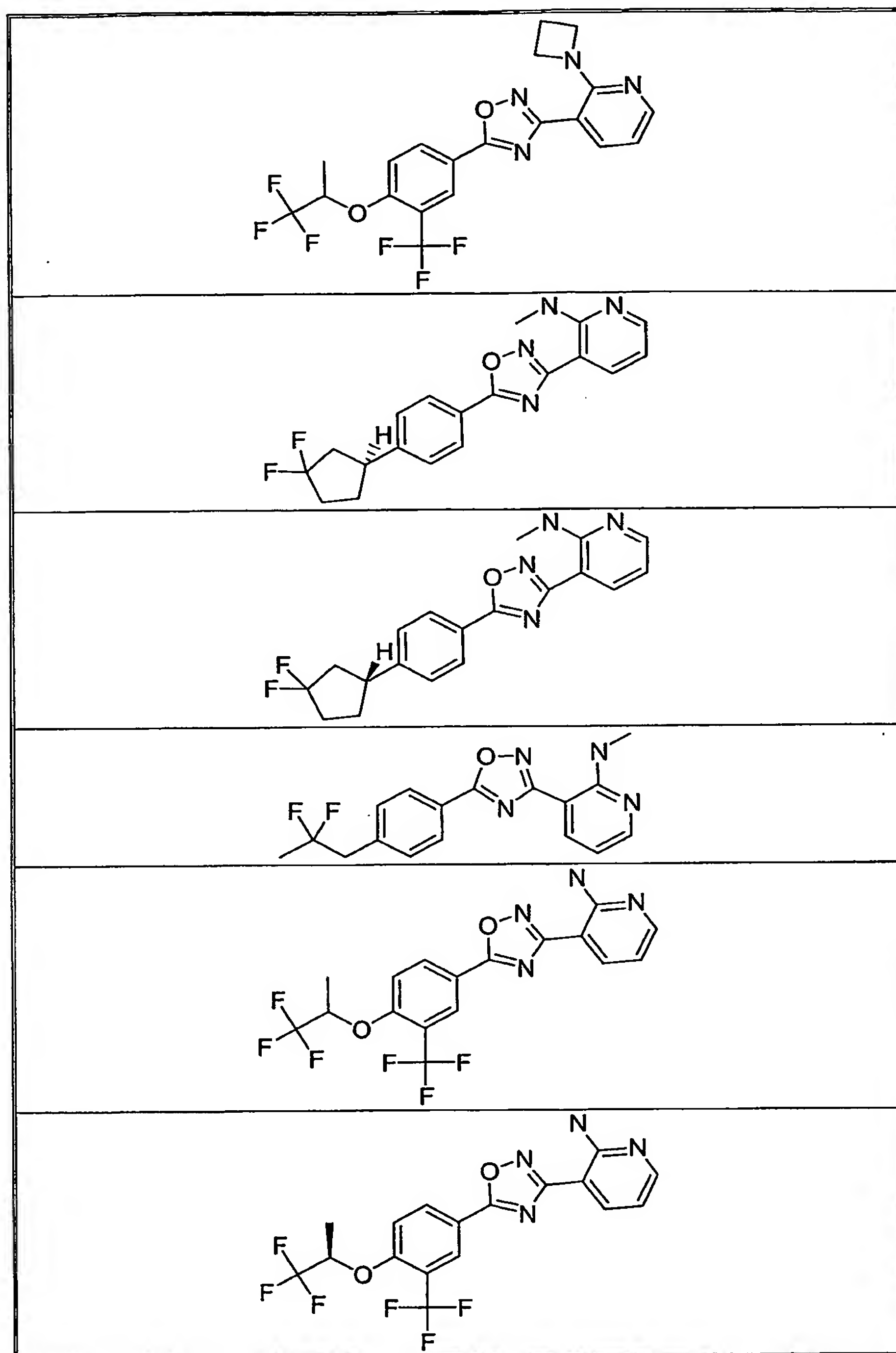
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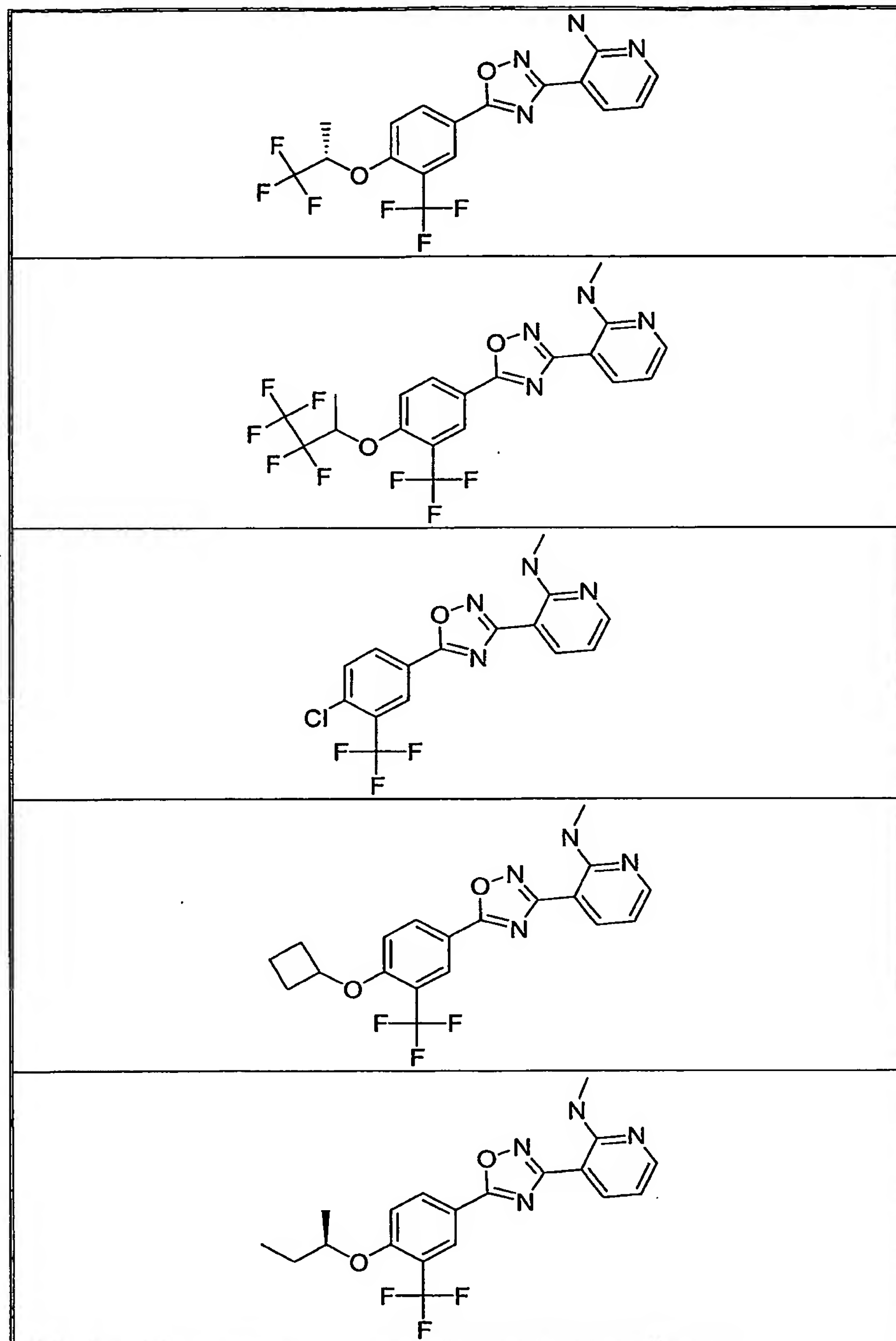
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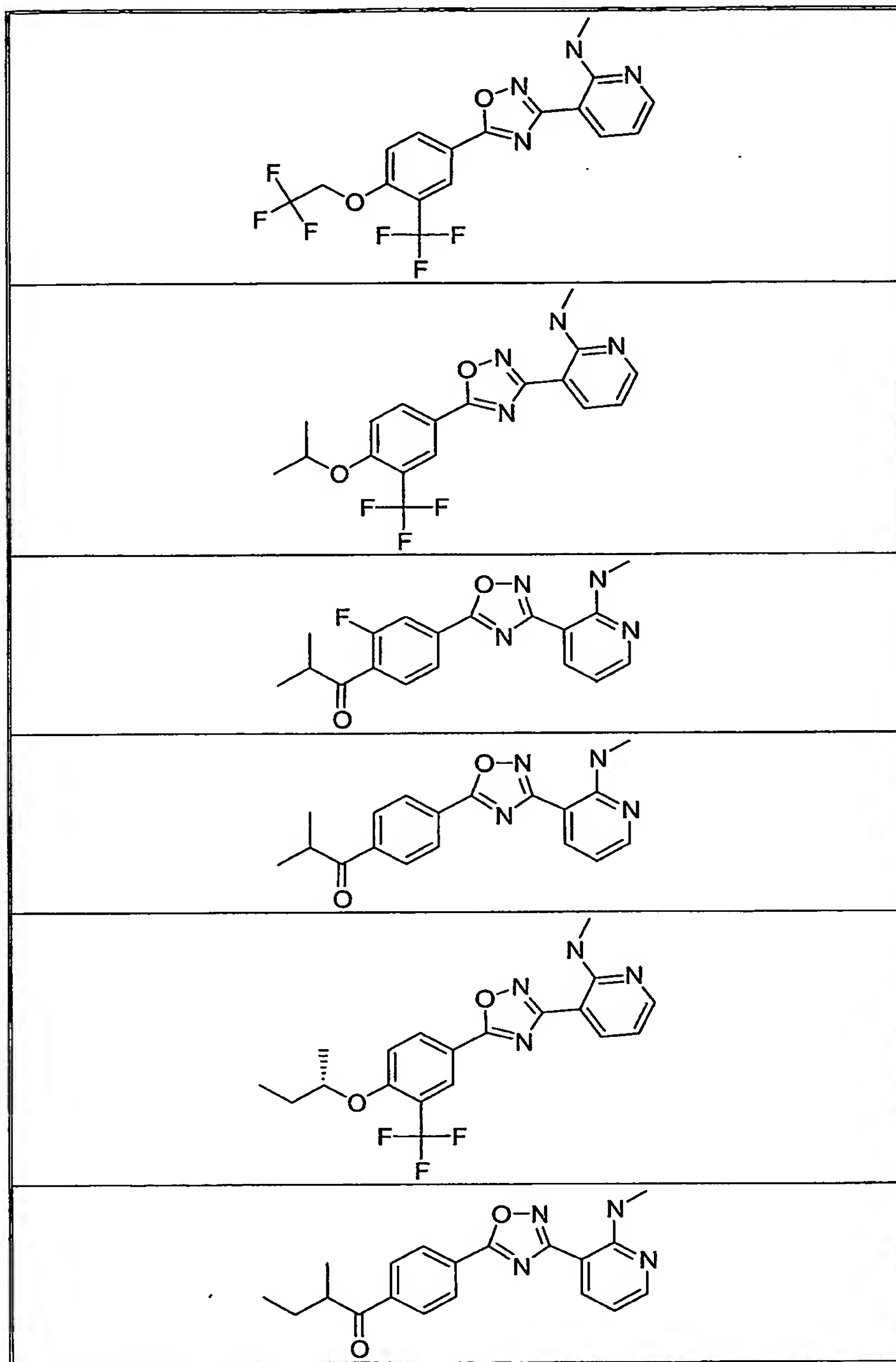
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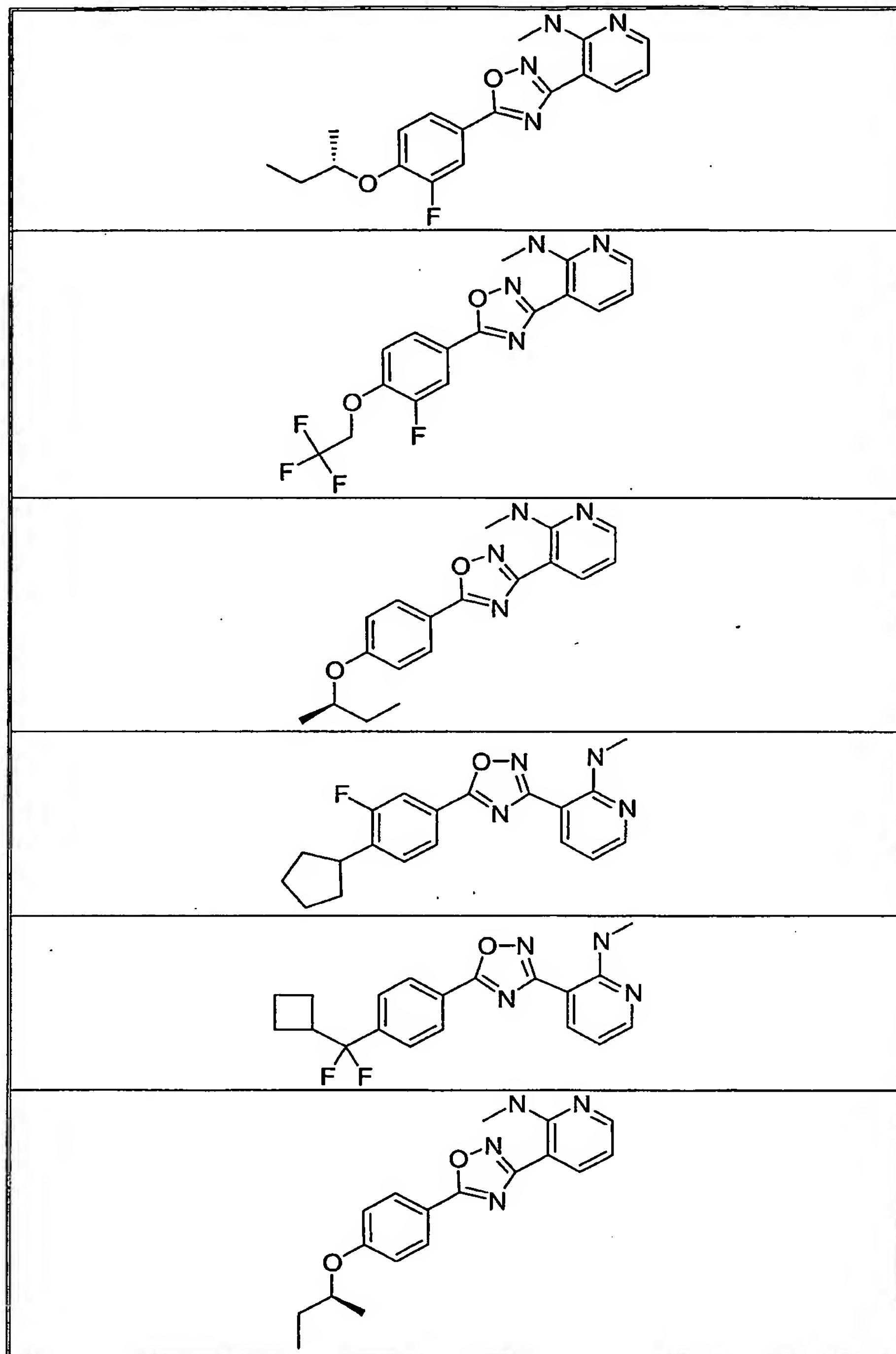


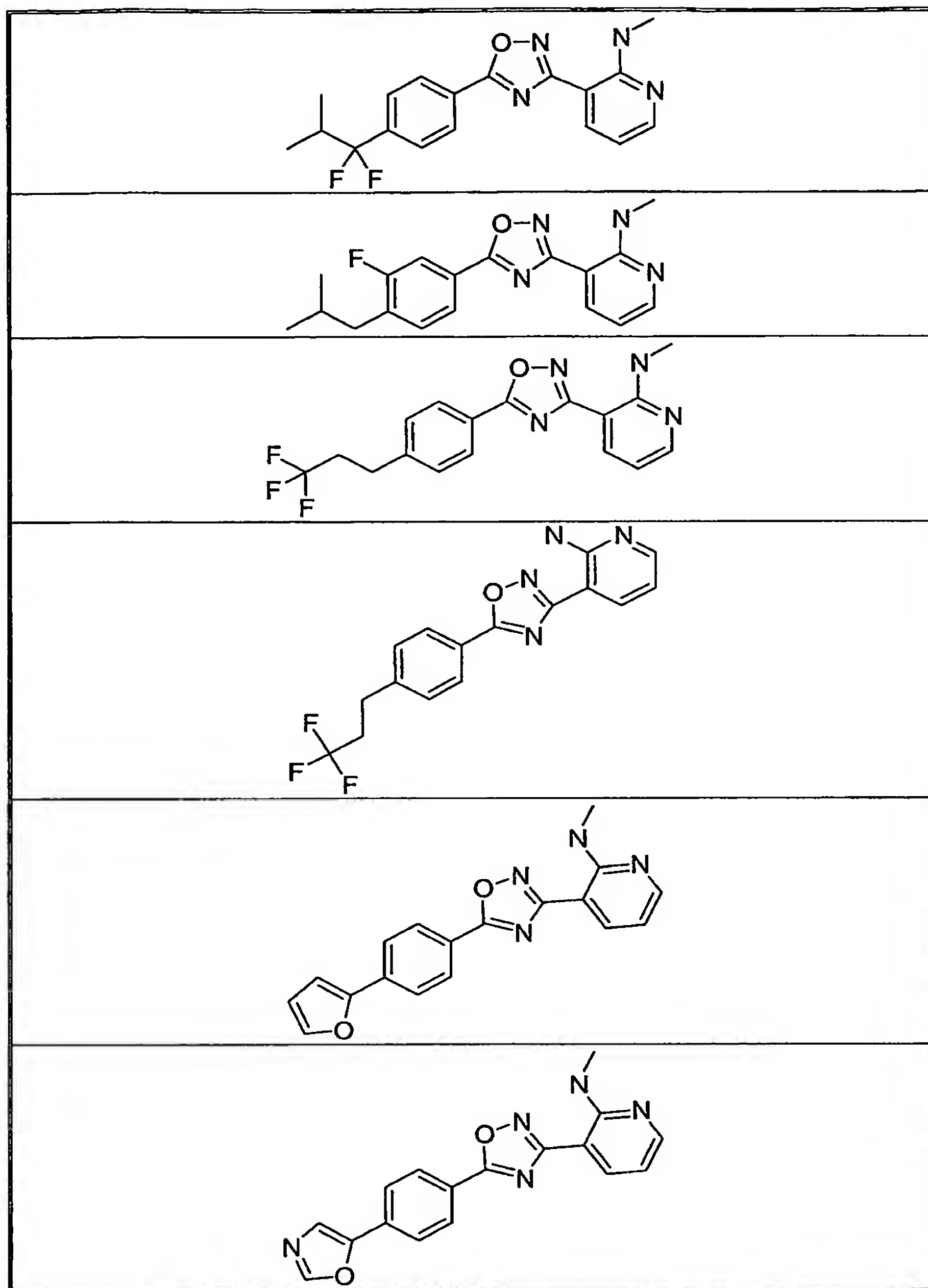




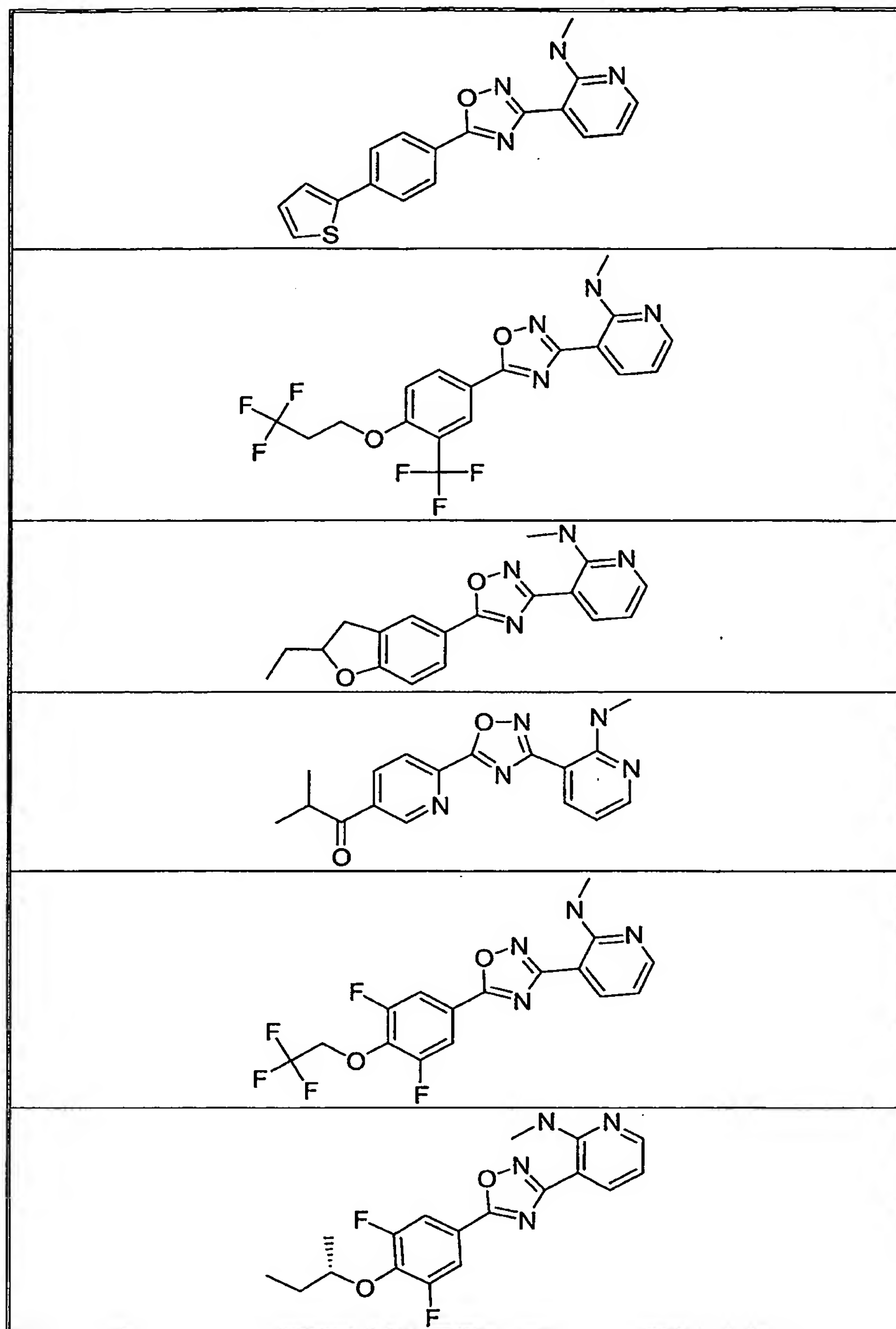


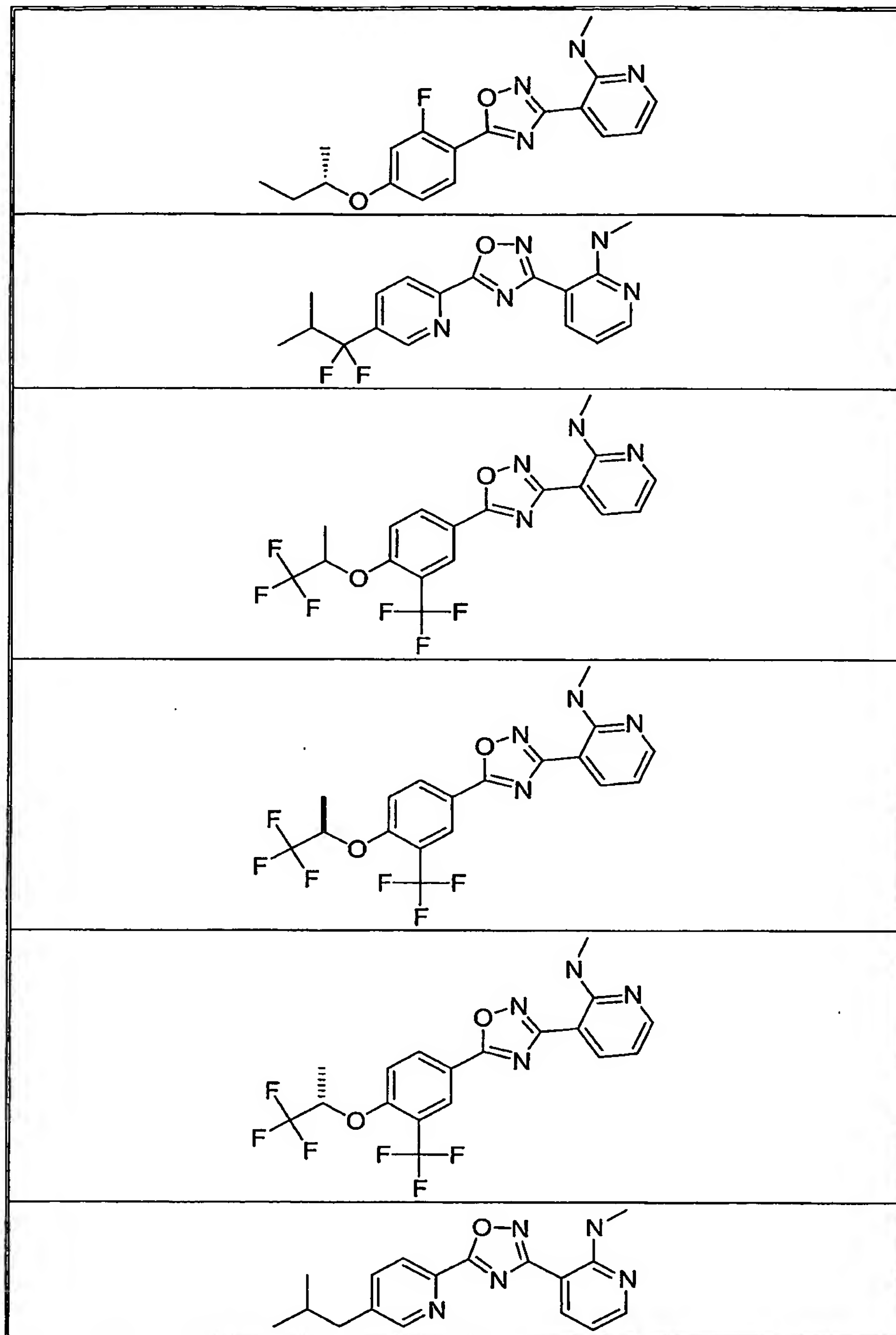


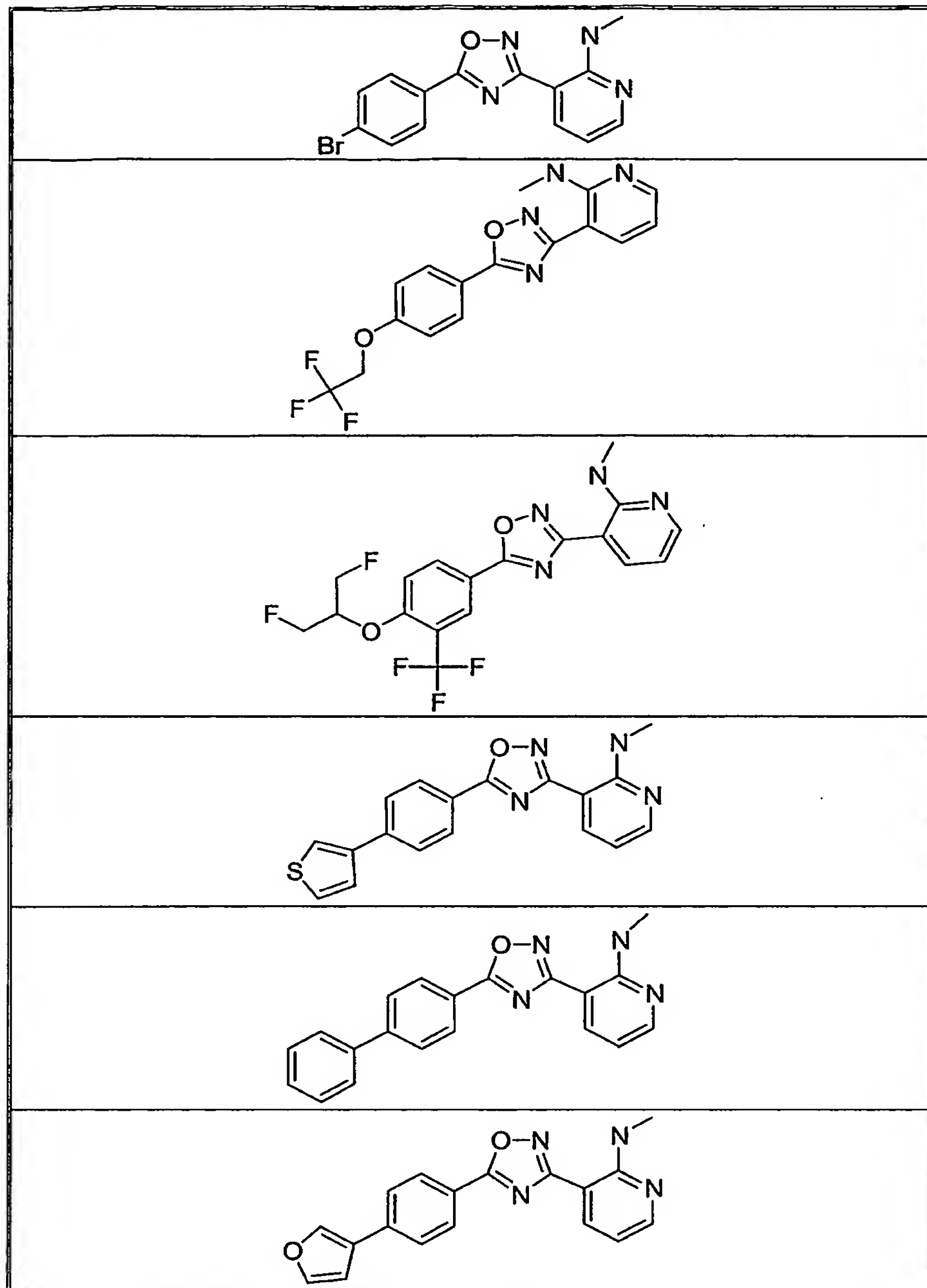


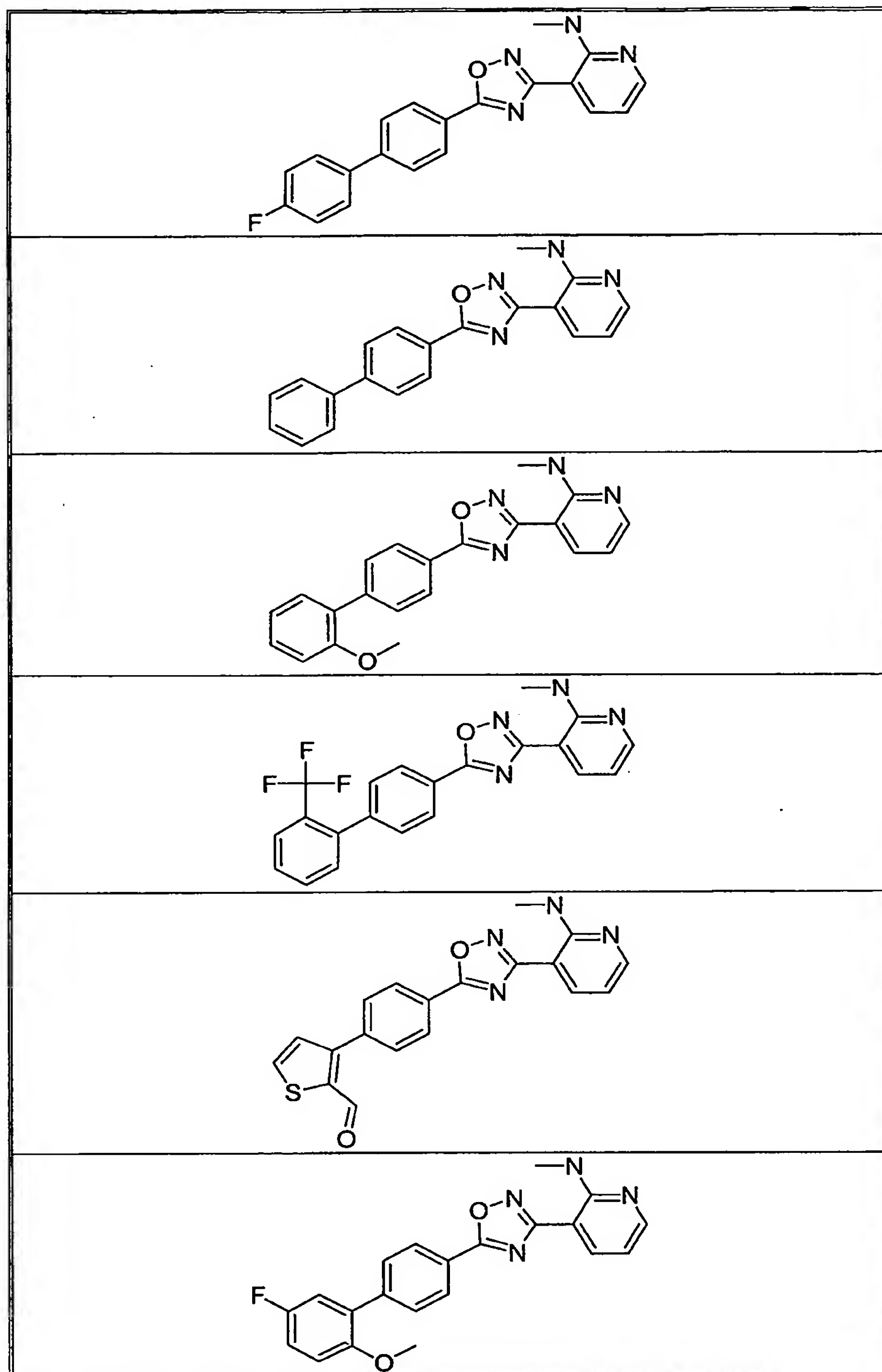


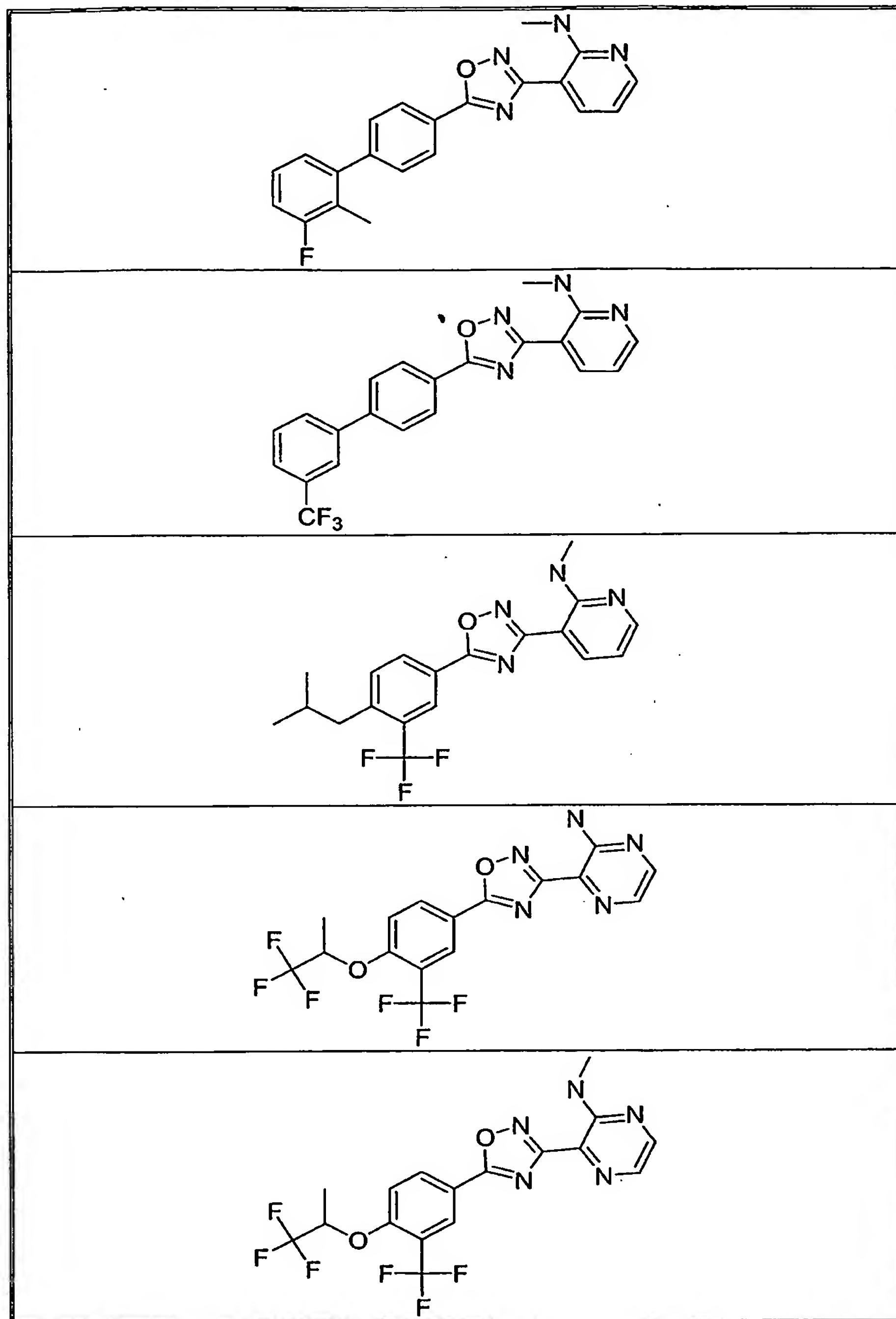


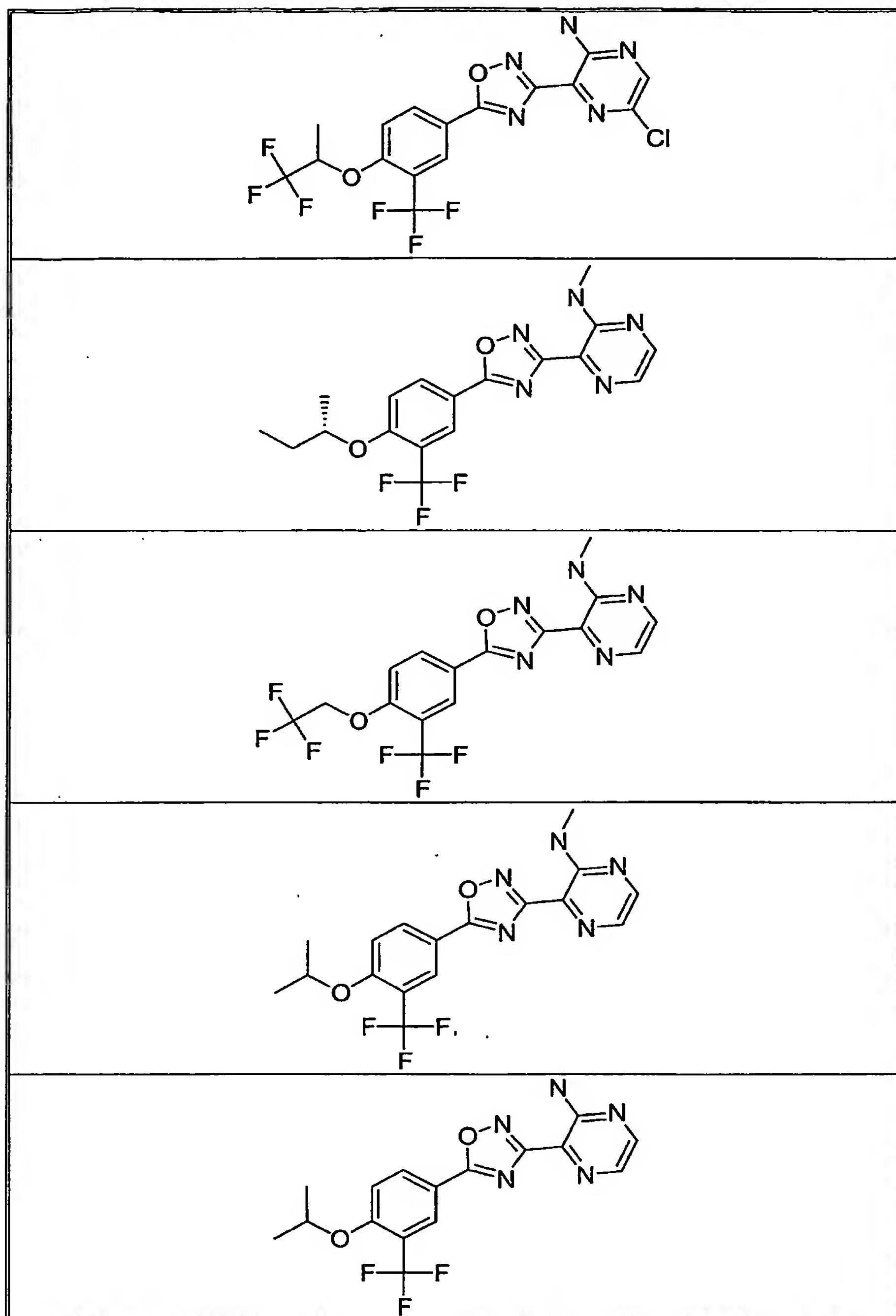


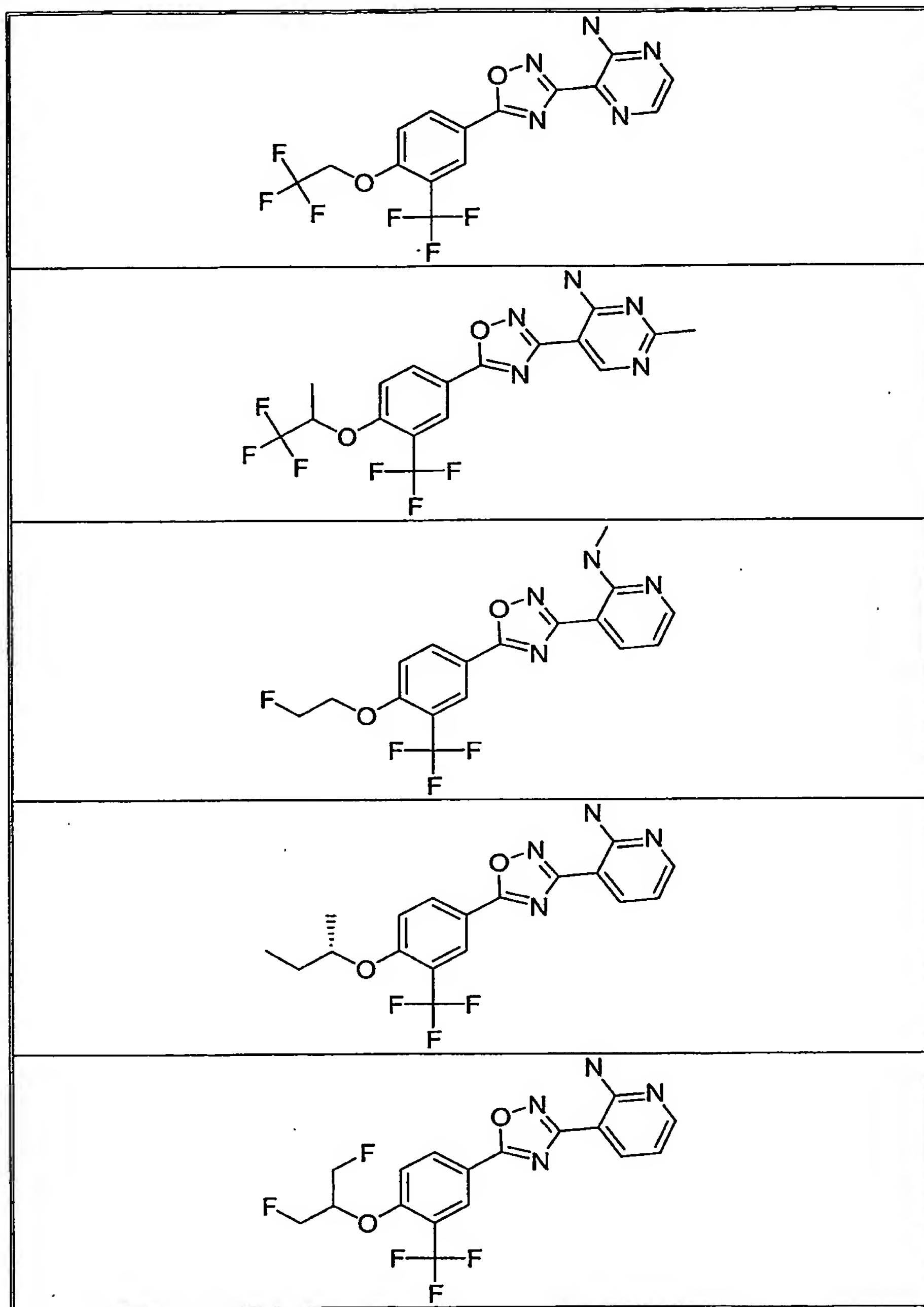


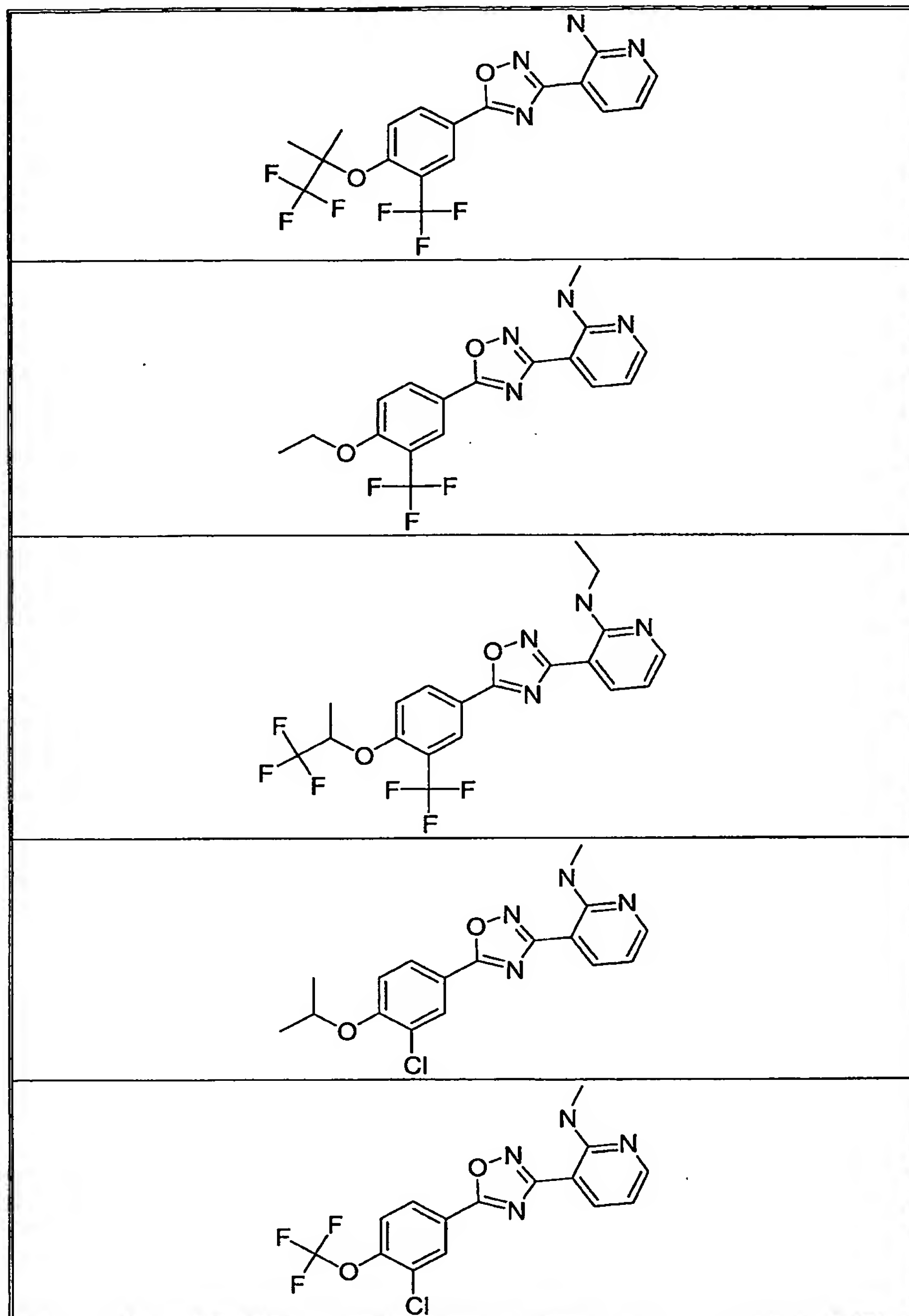




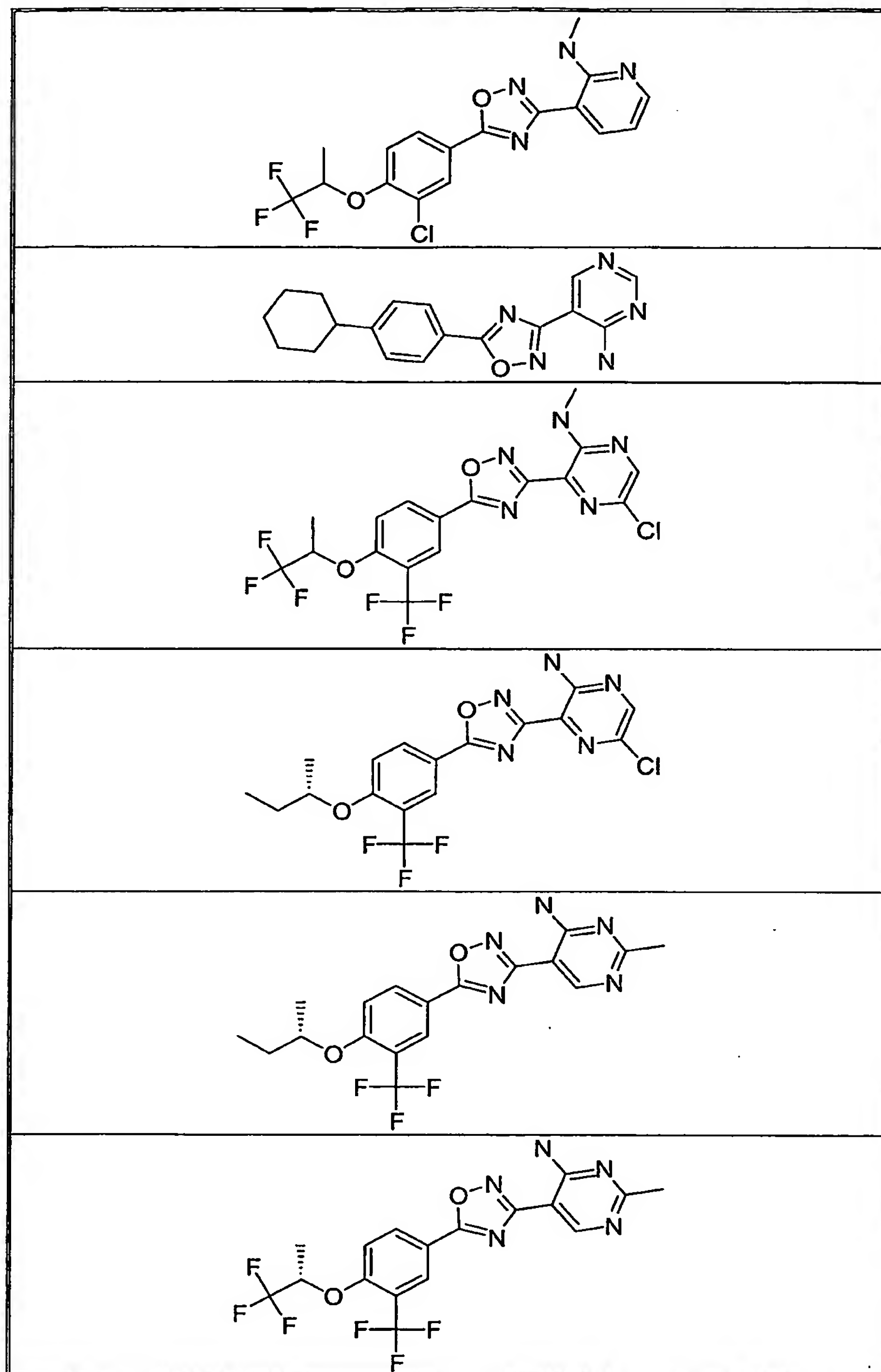


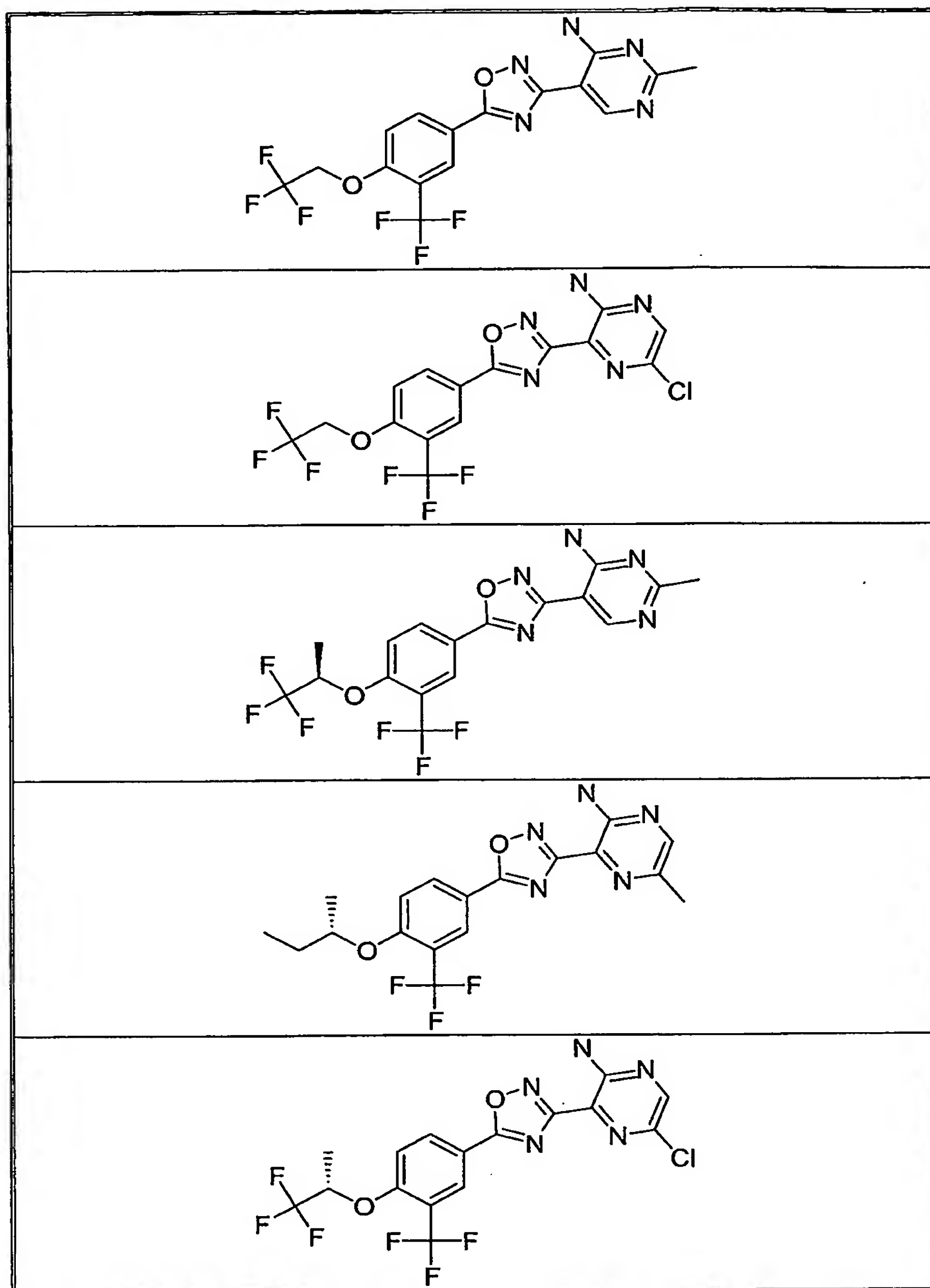


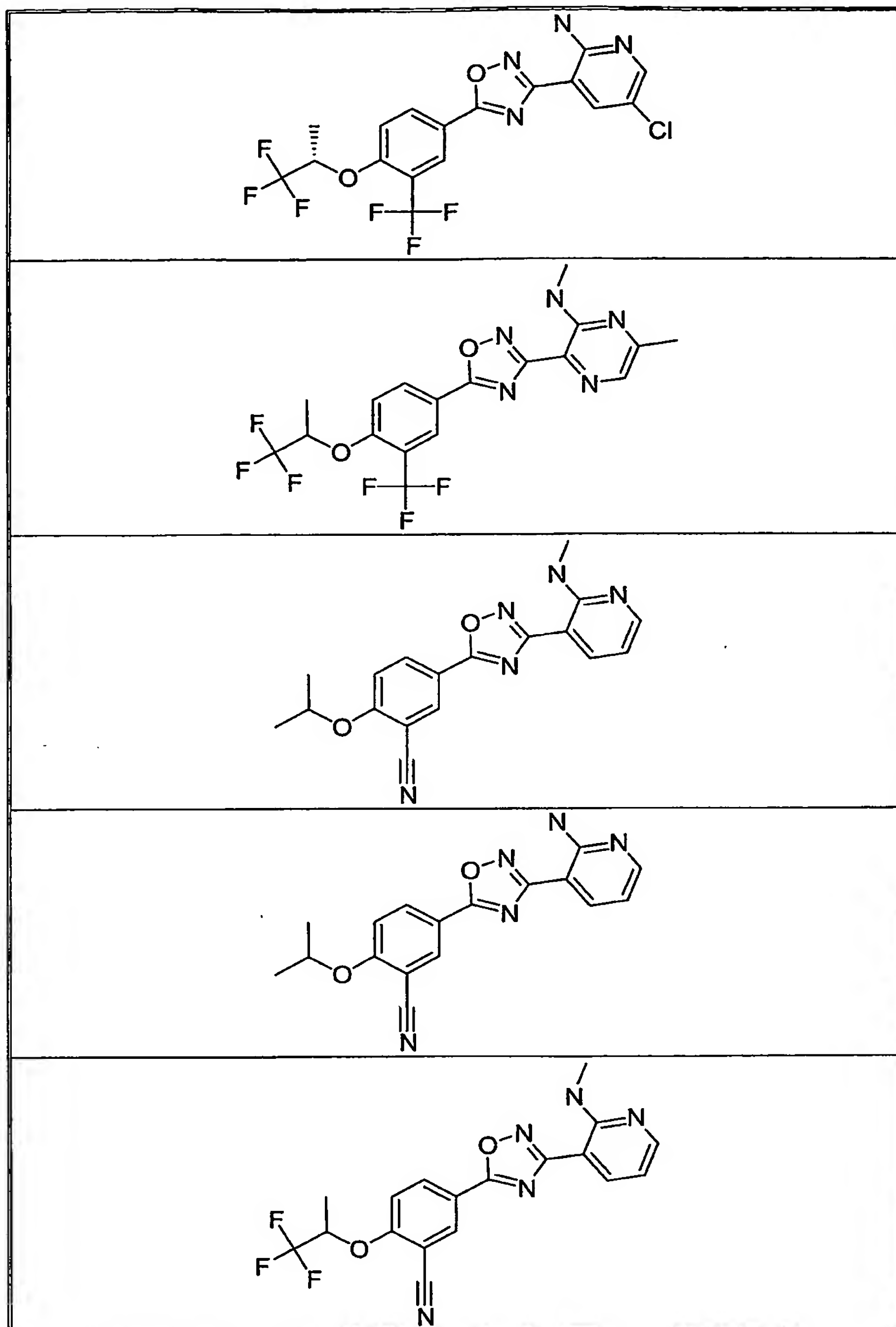


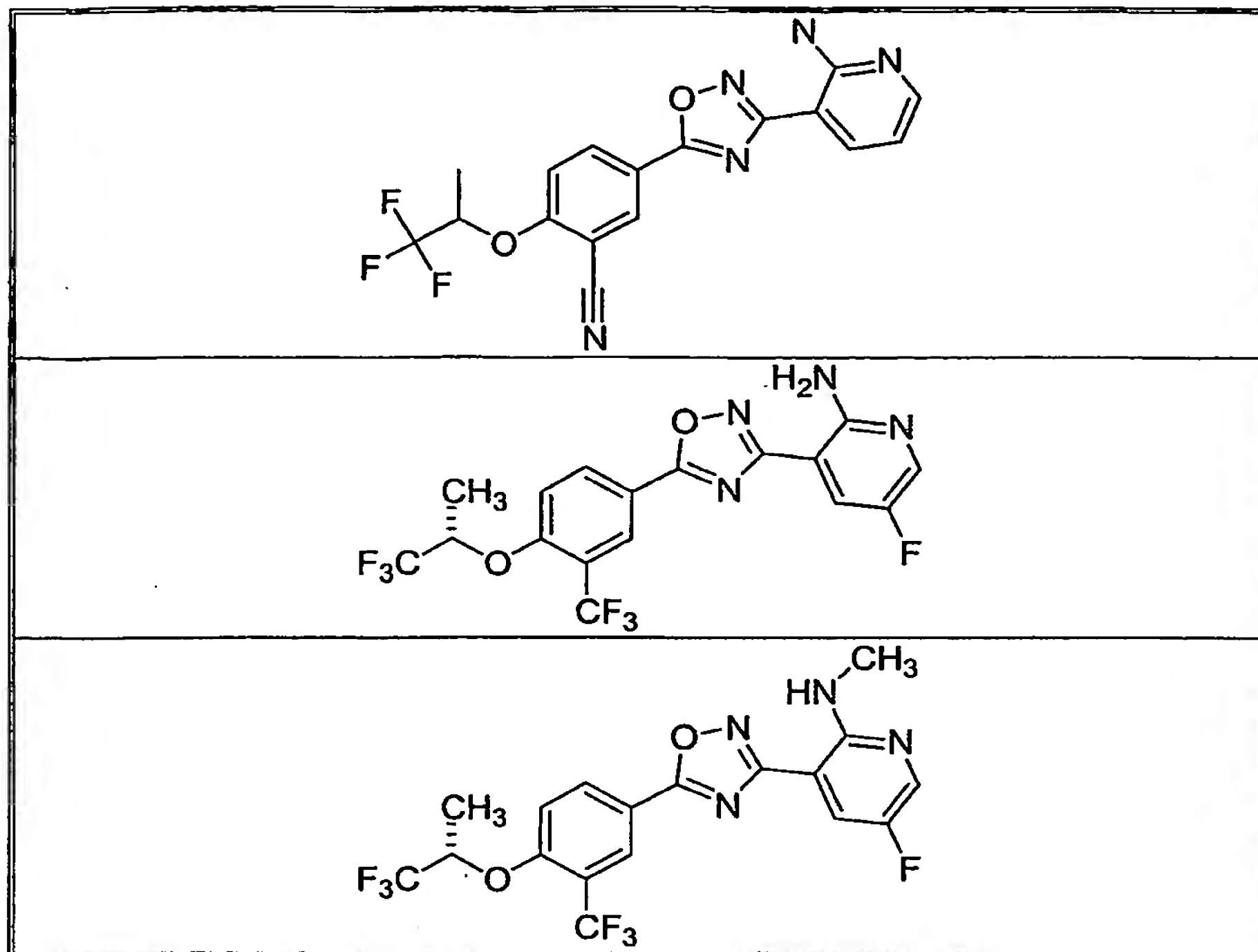












or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of any of the above.

19. A method of treating an immunoregulatory abnormality in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment comprising administering to said patient a compound in accordance with Claim 1 in an amount that is effective for treating said immunoregulatory abnormality.

20. The method according to Claim 19 wherein the immunoregulatory abnormality is an autoimmune or chronic inflammatory disease selected from the group consisting of: systemic lupus erythematosus, chronic rheumatoid arthritis, type I diabetes mellitus, inflammatory bowel disease, biliary cirrhosis, uveitis, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, bullous pemphigoid, sarcoidosis, psoriasis, autoimmune myositis, Wegener's granulomatosis, ichthyosis, Graves ophthalmopathy and asthma.

21. The method according to Claim 19 wherein the immunoregulatory abnormality is bone marrow or organ transplant rejection or graft-versus-host disease.

5                   22. The method according to Claim 19 wherein the immunoregulatory abnormality is selected from the group consisting of: transplantation of organs or tissue, graft-versus-host diseases brought about by transplantation, autoimmune syndromes including rheumatoid arthritis, systemic  
10 lupus erythematosus, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, type I diabetes, uveitis, posterior uveitis, allergic encephalomyelitis, glomerulonephritis, post-infectious autoimmune diseases including rheumatic fever and post-infectious glomerulonephritis, inflammatory and hyperproliferative skin diseases, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis, eczematous dermatitis, seborrhoeic dermatitis, lichen planus, pemphigus, bullous pemphigoid, epidermolysis  
15 bullosa, urticaria, angioedemas, vasculitis, erythema, cutaneous eosinophilia, lupus erythematosus, acne, alopecia areata, keratoconjunctivitis, vernal conjunctivitis, uveitis associated with Behcet's disease, keratitis, herpetic keratitis, conical cornea, dystrophia epithelialis corneae, corneal leukoma, ocular pemphigus, Mooren's ulcer, scleritis, Graves' ophthalmopathy, Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome, sarcoidosis,  
20 pollen allergies, reversible obstructive airway disease, bronchial asthma, allergic asthma, intrinsic asthma, extrinsic asthma, dust asthma, chronic or inveterate asthma, late asthma and airway hyper-responsiveness, bronchitis, gastric ulcers, vascular damage caused by ischemic diseases and thrombosis, ischemic bowel diseases, inflammatory bowel diseases, necrotizing enterocolitis, intestinal lesions associated  
25 with thermal burns, coeliac diseases, proctitis, eosinophilic gastroenteritis, mastocytosis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, migraine, rhinitis, eczema, interstitial nephritis, Goodpasture's syndrome, hemolytic-uremic syndrome, diabetic nephropathy, multiple myositis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, Meniere's disease, polyneuritis, multiple neuritis, mononeuritis, radiculopathy, hyperthyroidism,  
30 Basedow's disease, pure red cell aplasia, aplastic anemia, hypoplastic anemia, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, autoimmune hemolytic anemia, agranulocytosis, pernicious anemia, megaloblastic anemia, anerythroplasia, osteoporosis, sarcoidosis, fibroid lung, idiopathic interstitial pneumonia,

dermatomyositis, leukoderma vulgaris, ichthyosis vulgaris, photoallergic sensitivity, cutaneous T cell lymphoma, arteriosclerosis, atherosclerosis, aortitis syndrome, polyarteritis nodosa, myocardosis, scleroderma, Wegener's granuloma, Sjogren's syndrome, adiposis, eosinophilic fascitis, lesions of gingiva, periodontium, alveolar bone, substantia ossea dentis, glomerulonephritis, male pattern alopecia or alopecia senilis by preventing epilation or providing hair germination and/or promoting hair generation and hair growth, muscular dystrophy, pyoderma and Sezary's syndrome, Addison's disease, ischemia-reperfusion injury of organs which occurs upon preservation, transplantation or ischemic disease, endotoxin-shock, pseudomembranous colitis, colitis caused by drug or radiation, ischemic acute renal insufficiency, chronic renal insufficiency, toxinosis caused by lung-oxygen or drugs, lung cancer, pulmonary emphysema, cataracta, siderosis, retinitis pigmentosa, senile macular degeneration, vitreal scarring, corneal alkali burn, dermatitis erythema multiforme, linear IgA ballous dermatitis and cement dermatitis, gingivitis, periodontitis, sepsis, pancreatitis, diseases caused by environmental pollution, aging, carcinogenesis, metastasis of carcinoma and hypobaropathy, disease caused by histamine or leukotriene-C4 release, Behcet's disease, autoimmune hepatitis, primary biliary cirrhosis, sclerosing cholangitis, partial liver resection, acute liver necrosis, necrosis caused by toxin, viral hepatitis, shock, or anoxia, B-virus hepatitis, non-A/non-B hepatitis, cirrhosis, alcoholic cirrhosis, hepatic failure, fulminant hepatic failure, late-onset hepatic failure, "acute-on-chronic" liver failure, augmentation of chemotherapeutic effect, cytomegalovirus infection, HCMV infection, AIDS, cancer, senile dementia, trauma, and chronic bacterial infection.

23. The method according to Claim 19 wherein the immunoregulatory abnormality is selected from the group consisting of:

- 1) multiple sclerosis,
- 2) rheumatoid arthritis,
- 3) systemic lupus erythematosus,
- 4) psoriasis,
- 5) rejection of transplanted organ or tissue,
- 6) inflammatory bowel disease,
- 7) a malignancy of lymphoid origin,

- 8) acute and chronic lymphocytic leukemias and lymphomas and
- 9) insulin and non-insulin dependent diabetes.

24. A method of suppressing the immune system in a mammalian  
5 patient in need of immunosuppression comprising administering to said patient an  
immunosuppressing effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

25. A pharmaceutical composition comprised of a compound in  
accordance with Claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.  
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26. A method of treating a respiratory disease or condition in a  
mammalian patient in need of such treatment comprising administering to said patient  
a compound in accordance with Claim 1 in an amount that is effective for treating  
said respiratory disease or condition.

27. The method according to Claim 26 wherein the respiratory  
disease or condition is selected from the group consisting of: asthma, chronic  
bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, adult respiratory distress  
syndrome, infant respiratory distress syndrome, cough, eosinophilic granuloma,  
15 respiratory syncytial virus bronchiolitis, bronchiectasis, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis,  
20 acute lung injury and bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia.

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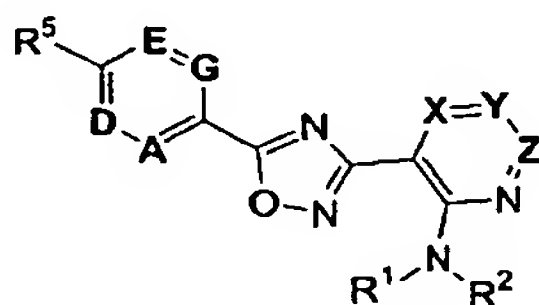
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In these claims, the numerous variables and their voluminous, complex meanings and their seemingly endless permutations and combinations plus the proviso clauses (claim 1), make it virtually impossible to determine the full scope and complete meaning of the claimed subject matter. As presented, the claimed subject matter cannot be regarded as being a clear and concise description for which protection is sought and as such the listed claims do not comply with the requirements of PCT Article 6. Thus it is impossible to carry out a meaningful search on same. A search will be made on the first discernable invention of claim 18, the first compound therein.